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Young Bridge Builders

The Juniors and Young People

Foreword

"COMES THE FUTURE," is the title of an article which appeared several months ago in a leading magazine. The writer painted a rather bright picture, giving plans and specifications of a harmonious world which would evolve, if his suggestions would be adopted. He is but one of many who are planning for tomorrow.

It is well for the church to be making a careful study of every subject that bears upon its future work. Of one thing we are certain, the boys and girls in our congregations will be the men and women of tomorrow; they will be the members, the ministers, the elders, the trustees, the deacons, the officers of missionary societies and the teachers in the Sabbath Schools.

Thinking along the specific line of the missionary program what will be the status of missions after the war? Who will be the leaders in the boards? Who will be the missionaries on the fields? Again the answer is—the boys and girls of today. The time to begin the training is not in the future; it is now.

Our children are already world-minded; they are interested in people of other lands. It is easy to lead them to become missionary-minded. Children who love God can see why the story of His love should be told all over the world. This teaching can be given very early. To quote Dr. Jowett: "We cannot exaggerate the intensity of first impressions—they are almost ineffaceable. . . . First impressions persist through life." The first teaching of God's Word and God's plan must be simple. It must be "adapted to aptitude; it must be proportioned to grasp", but it must be the truth just as true as "twice one are two."

As we study this month about "Young Bridge Builders" shall we not help them build?

Shall we not examine our own society to see if we are meeting our holy obligation of training the children of the church today, for their high duties tomorrow?

Course of Instruction

By MRS. PAUL M. HAAS, Secretary of Junior Work

"I saw tomorrow marching by
On little children's feet;
Within their forms and faces read
Her prophecy complete.

"I saw tomorrow look at me
From little children's eyes,
And thought how carefully we'd teach
If we were really wise."

BUILDING a safe and better world for tomorrow. Global peace through finer international understanding" resound as themes from press, radio, lecture platform. Well do we know that the world of tomorrow will arise from the hearts of the children of today. This close national and international understanding, heralded as a new panacea for the world's ills, is and has been the fruit of the Christian missionary teaching for decades. We have the words of eternal life for the eager new builders of the future. Lay those foundations deep in the Rock, Christ Jesus, that the structure of life may rise into eternity.

As soon as the child mind can attain to knowledge, as soon as the child heart can experience love, the knowledge of love of Christ can be interwoven into life's simplest realities. Home, Sabbath School, Little Light Bearers, by worshipful coordination, bring the spiritual world into exquisite reality for the tiny one. How soon can the child be taught the things of the spirit? Edith Mumford, in her thorough study of the mind of the child, pictures a wee baby a few months old lying in its cradle. The mother daily kneels beside him, her head bowed in prayer, her hand holding his in warm grasp. Silently and unconsciously her reverence and love communicate themselves to him. What she feels, he, too, begins to feel, and long before he is capable of religious thought he experiences religious feeling. Since this is so, how dare we neglect the teaching of the Little Light Bearers! How poignant is the expression

Mrs. Paul M. Haas, Secretary of Junior Work

1. *The Dawn of Religion in the Mind of the Child.* Edith Mumford. Longmans, Green and Co.

"Give me a child until he is seven"! When we postpone missionary instruction until the Junior age at six, we have lost the most formative, foundation years.

As soon as Little Light Bearers can listen quietly for a few moments they may have their devotion period with the Juniors and then have their own mission story and hand work period. If convenient, they meet entirely separately. But teach them as a mission band we should. The child of from two to three years can live in thought with Jesus as He commands in love "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,—Thou shalt love thy neighbor" and "Follow me."

"Two women looked through prison bars;
The one saw mud, the other saw stars."

The wee tots are looking into a great new world of wonder, of grandeur, of sin. What will they see? time or eternity? the image of God or of Mammon? How carefully we will teach if we are really wise. That image in the child's heart is the world of tomorrow. We hold the only verity which crosses every racial, national, international border; the only verity which stands in a rocking world—the faith of Christ, whether it be found in Ethiopia, Japan, India or America.

The Junior teacher must have within her a yearning for Christ in the hearts of her Juniors and a burning zeal for the Great Commission if she is to stir her children to real conversion and missionary conviction. Head and heart and hand work together in program planning and execution. A leader must "take time to be holy", take time to prepare. The two words, "Take time", have much to do with the success of Junior program.

As these little ones are tenderly led through Christ to the Father they experience a deeper love for each other. A child of six to whom Jesus has become precious is amazed to hear that some little folk have never even heard of Jesus. How eagerly they talk of Jesus to their friends, and seek love gifts to say to all those children, "Jesus loves you, loves you." This marvellous child faith merits the most consecrated and enthusiastic leadership.

In the modern instruction of children there is frequent tendency to underestimate the depth of children's emotions and capacities. It is of course desirable to utilize every tangible means to appeal to the eye, the ear, the touch, that the child may understand and respond with pleasure. But let us exercise care that the subject matter be childlike rather than childish. Too often "birdies and beesies and posies" replace the Bible and mission stories. Give them the beautiful cadences of the Psalms for memory work, and illustrate by flannelgraph. Let them sing "Safely Guarded", "Christ Shall Have Dominion" and "Children Come", rather than "Little Birdie in a Tree". Flannelgraphs or Sand Stories of Jesus calling His disciples, of the Great Commission, of our own mission stations, instill a sense of loving responsibility. An eight year old felt a sudden love for the heathen children of the world and asked,

"Mother, are there really children who don't know about Jesus?" When the Mother casually replied, he cried out, "Then why aren't we telling them?"

Let us not deceive ourselves that the Juniors will not comprehend the beauty and orderliness of God's law, the holiness of the Sabbath, the stewardship of the tithe, and throughout all the saving grace of Christ, if we teach in love and guided by the Holy Spirit. If the death of Christ is not essential then is our teaching in vain, and missions futile. Dr. Yang, president of Soochow University contrasts our teaching with the Oriental. "On my first day in school I was given five Chinese characters written on five sheets of square red paper. They were the Chinese words for heaven, earth, king, parents and teacher." In these five characters are embodied all of man's fundamental relationships which would grow in significance and vividness as the child moves into mature understanding. "This significance became more apparent when compared with what I learned from an English primer when I first started to learn that language:

"One, one, one, a little dog run,
Two, two, two, two cats see you,
Three, three, three, three birds on a tree,
Four, four, four, four rats on the floor."

What a waste! and only too easily can this thoughtless spirit insinuate itself into instruction.

1. *China's Religious Heritage*, Y. C. Yang, Abington-Cokesbury Press.

A wealth of Junior material comes into our hands if we but take the time to prepare it. The Mission Study and Reading Course books spread out before the children the hopes and loves and needs of the little folk in all countries of the world. But the Junior Missionary Magazine, the Womens Missionary Magazine and the Prayer Cycle contain the tangible sources of our own missionary endeavor. Here is their direct responsibility in carrying out the Master's Command. The little magazine gives the children the feeling of belonging to each other and to the children of the Sudan, Ethiopia, Egypt and India as well as to the Indian, Negro and foreign child within their own land. Miss Mary Ewing and the Junior Special, the "Thank You" of the Thank Offering, the meaning of the seven departments become part of the Juniors' very experience as they study their own magazine. To the leader, the Womens Missionary Magazine is the text book for study and preparation. Here the news of missions is brought up to date. Month by month the teacher will adapt these mission messages to the children to keep them in close contact with their own mission work.

Young bridge builders, build a world for tomorrow, for eternity! A world of peace? Unless Christ feeds the multitude of mankind, there is no lasting peace. When the five thousand were fed by the shore of Galilee, a little lad had the lunch. So today the little lad holds the lunch. Will he surrender it to Jesus?

Vision of Accomplishment

By MRS. HAROLD W. SITTIG, Youngstown, Ohio

THE title of this article demands that we set down immediately those classic words from Proverbs, "Where there is no vision the people perish." Since our subject is Juniors we can reverently paraphrase that verse in this manner, "Where the parents and church leaders have no vision, the children perish." There is a special reason for placing parents first, but that has already been discussed in the (March) magazine. Our concern now is with the Juniors outside the home and why we need a Junior organization to supplement Sabbath School and Church.

Would we have our church a great and growing power for extending the Kingdom of God in the community? Would we have our nation truly a righteous nation? Would we have it a sterling example in the society of nations after the war? Then we must work today for the children, or tomorrow they will be impressionless men and women.

The Bible commands that our children be taught. The voice of Isaiah which stirred the hearts and minds of ancient Judah calls to us today with a message strangely appropriate, "And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of thy children." Part of that which we must teach them is, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." Where better can this missionary message be taught than in a Junior Missionary Society?

The command says "ALL thy children shall be taught," yet there are 17 million children in America between the ages of 4 and 18 who are untaught. There is a need for any organization that will contribute to the good of a small portion of these 17 millions. There were 10,141 children enrolled in our Junior societies last year. We of the Women's Societies, who are responsible for the Juniors, must accept that responsibility not as a society, but as individual women. As long as one child in your neighborhood goes untaught, you as a Christian missionary are not fulfilling the Bible command.

TRAINING FOR LEADERSHIP

The Junior Society is a training ground for leaders. As we sponsor the teaching of small ones may we be spurred on by a vision of the future. Sabbath school and church leaders, active members of adult missionary societies, and, who knows, perhaps a home or foreign missionary may be sitting in embryo at our feet.

Trebonious, the instructor of Martin Luther, always uncovered his head in the presence of any of his boys saying as he did so, "Who can tell what man may yet rise up amid these youths?" And from that group of boys sprang the leader of the Reformation.

While teaching school I had a boy in one of my classes who was not particularly outstanding except in poor penmanship, bad grades, and love of argument. Most of the teachers just ignored him. He ultimately became a missionary in New Guinea, and if alive today is a prisoner of the Japanese. I shudder at my lost opportunities to have helped one soldier for Christ build within himself a firm foundation.

Taking part in a Junior meeting gives children Christian courage. Children are so young and impressionable. They follow the leader. We have only to think of "Hitler's children" and the havoc they have wrought in the name of their leader to realize what damage this instinct can do. But, on the other hand, the right kind of leader can be just as great a power for good. Children believe implicitly. If encouraged to be missionaries they will be missionaries. If invited to pray often enough they will pray.

There is a child of my acquaintance who has been attending a Junior Missionary Society, and has month after month invited a non-church friend of hers to attend with her. The playmate gives all sorts of excuses—her coat is soiled, she must take her brother to the movies, her mother does not want her to go to that denomination—but the little missionary keeps plugging away, and says, "Maybe some day she will come." Another little girl, after hearing a missionary speaker ask the group to pray for the children of India, kneels every night and prays in impromptu fashion that the little children of India may know about Christ. She has not missed a single night for two months.

STUDYING THE FIELDS

We need a Junior Society to introduce the children early to the special work of the United Presbyterian Church. The names India, Egypt, the Sudan, and Ethiopia should be words to conjure up all sorts of fascinating stories of Christian missionary adventures. Along with the stories they will learn names of pioneer and present misionaries. If a missionary in the flesh is brought to them they will never forget the experience. They need this foundation so that the girls will automatically work into the adult societies later on. Boys especially need this early training, and much more than is now

rovided. We find many men in the hurch totally ignorant of missionary ork, and for this reason against it. s has often been pointed out there re many boys in our armed forces iscovering for the first time and irst-hand the work of foreign mis- ionaries. Now we come to the orld missionary outlook. We must each our Juniors to think of mis- ions beyond the confines of our own

The Junior Missionary Society in Tama, Iowa, organized by Miss Ruth Williamson, is called "The Little Foxes," since the children belong to the Sac and Fox tribe. Here are a few of the Juniors with Miss Williamson.

denomination. Again the war has brought this home more closely. Your soldier boy is wounded and brought back to safety along the steep and rocky trail. You do not stop to question whether the Fuzzy Wuzzys who carried that litter were first touched by Methodist, Baptist, Lutheran, or Presbyterian. You fall to your knees and thank God for Christian missionaries. So we need to tell our boys and girls that there are other denominations and other mission fields. We are all concerned with giving Christ to the nations and the sooner this is accomplished the sooner we can live in peace and not send our daddies and brothers off to war.

LEARNING TO COOPERATE

Introducing children to other denominations might cause confusion in the minds of the very young and defeat the purpose for which we do it. Because an aunt in our family had charge of a mission group in a Lutheran church and had asked my children to attend, I allowed them to go thinking it would help them get a world outlook. The eight-year-old had been asked to lead the devotions and was laboring over preparations for this task.

She asked me, "Mother, what shall I say in the prayer?"

I replied, "Oh, say what you do when you go to bed at night."

"Oh! No!" was the quick and emphatic response, "I couldn't do that. That's a United Presbyterian prayer."

Right now we are all world-minded. We are told that we must think of "one world" after the war. When Winston Churchill speaks to the world on the eve of an European invasion a good portion of his speech is given over to getting along in the world after the war. He tells of better living conditions for our fellow men and better understanding among nations. We all know that missionaries and missionary-minded folk have always had this one-world-concept—one world for Christ. Now that it has become fashionable thinking we can easily fall in line.

Now is our golden opportunity, when even the very young are lisping names of far-flung battlefronts, to drive home a Christian post-war

concept. We hear, and so do the Juniors, about global airlines, world government, new inventions and all the wonderful things that are going to come after the war. The Junior missionary leaders can give the children a healthy world vision—one of Giving rather than Getting—and teach them that unless Christian missions are maintained and extended as never before, the scientific world will overcome the Christian world and plunge us into chaos again.

Dr. Albert William Beaven wrote a series of sermons entitled, "The Lift of A Far View." A woman sewing a seam must lift her eyes to the sketch of the finished garment. A man works over a mosaic pattern fitting tiny pieces together. He must lift his eyes to see the large and completed picture. So when we work with Juniors, we must lift our eyes to the Vision of Accomplishment, to realize why we must keep patiently working with these squirming, unpredictable, carefree little people. It is our God-given task. May we live so that we can say with Paul, "I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision."

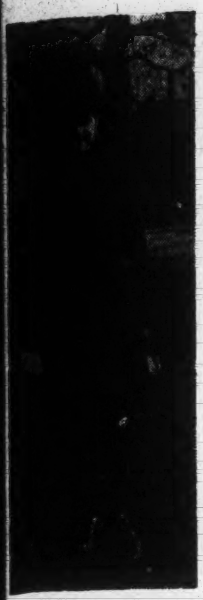
Walter J. Ralston

"I am the Child.
All the world waits for my coming,
All the earth watches with interest
to see what I shall become.
Civilization hangs in the balance,
For what I am,
the world of tomorrow will be."

Junior Society Of Westland Mission

Continuity of Effect

By KATHERINE BOOBYER KING, Buffalo, New York



THE Constitution of the Junior Misisonary Society provides that at the age of 14 the girls of its membership shall be graduated into the Girls' Circle.

The Circle is one of the most vital organizations in any congregation. It is the link between the Junior Missionary Society and the Young Women's Society, conserving the missionary enthusiasm of childhood, preparing for consecrated missionary service in maturity. It enlists the devotion of girls in a period when their ideals are very new and bright, and the "great, wide, beautiful world" awaits their vanquishing, and the Commission of the youthful Master can set their hearts afire.

The functions of the Circle are to educate its members in the work of the Kingdom, with special emphasis upon the responsibilities of the Women's General Missionary Society, to strengthen habits of missionary giving and intercession, and to train in the efficient administration of Kingdom business. These are high purposes, but not unattainable.

THE CIRCLE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Adult supervision of these groups is necessary, but a wise sponsor does very little actual work. The Circle is not her organization; she is not a member of it. It belongs to the girls, who, although they appreciate the sponsor's guiding hand, enjoy running it themselves and profit by doing so. They do not always do things in adult fashion, but as long as they meet the fundamental requirements of the Standard of Efficiency, there is no need for them to conform to grown-up methods. Taking the suggested WGMS program for the year, they may dress it up with an original Thank Offering sketch, a debate, a birthday party, and a radio quiz program, and present it in handmade booklets put together on some one's dining-room table to the accompaniment of much hilarity. They may plan to gather around a campfire for an early fall meeting, and another time to do simple sewing, such as hemming diapers for one of our hospitals, while some one reads aloud a missionary biography (preferably with heart interest!) which she has condensed to suitable length.

While the enjoyment of food ought never to be allowed to overshadow the serious purpose of the meeting, a few dinners add variety. Here again, although the sponsor checks upon the menu and expenses and helps with the cooking, the girls assume as much responsibility as possible, and many Circle alumnae look back to those happy hours in the church kitchen. Using scraps of paper and other inexpensive material, the girls make centerpieces and placecards illustrating the land and people of the evening's study. Although

their efforts are usually successful, occasionally they fall below the adult standard, but even so they mean more to the girls than perfection achieved by a grown-up.

PERSONAL LINKS

It is true of the Circle as of any group that a personal relationship with a particular mission or missionary stimulates interest. The group is not to confine its work to one project, but knowing one missionary and her activities intimately makes all missionaries come alive for them. Herein lies the value of naming Circles for workers on the field. It is also a constant challenge to the girls to honor their "namesake" with a p r o s p e r i n g organization. Even though groups are small, our missionaries are most gracious in giving of their time to write or to attend meetings, because they are aware of the possibilities in these young lives. Sometimes they help the girls to play fairy-godmother. One Circle adopted a mountain girl and paid part of her school tuition; they also made her some pretty clothes, and sent a useful gift on Christmas and on her birthday. These girls will never lose their interest in our mountain work. Another group assembled a complete layette and sent it to an expectant Indian mother through a helpful missionary. There was great suspense as they waited for the news of the blessed event, and how thrilled they were soon afterward to receive a snapshot of their papoose! Now they remember her birthday and send a Christmas gift, and pray for her often. The problems of the Indian race are very real because they have studied them in relationship to the future of a little baby girl. At present, this Circle is preparing a layette for a Negro mother, and they are hoping for a boy this time! The secretary keeps a very attractive scrapbook of snapshots and letters, many from their namesake missionary of whom they are very proud.

STEWARDSHIP TRAINING

We need to be very careful not to make missionary work too cheap for these girls. Although their money is limited, it is a mistake to set monthly Circle "dues" at a figure which is a fraction of what they spend at the movies once a week. "Dues" are commonly accepted in teen-age work, but it is probably wiser to have each girl pledge as she is able, and so teach real stewardship from the beginning. How pathetic it is to find a grown-up society still paying the same "dues" they did when they were in high school ! Girls will never realize the sacredness of the cause in which they are enlisted nor the privilege of being workers together with God while they are encouraged to give only the price of a candy bar or two. The Thank Offering appeals to them, too. More than one mother has remarked, "I picked up my daughter's Thank Offering box when I was dusting today, and I was ashamed that mine is so light!"

A presbyterial Young Women's secretary, consecrated and enthusiastic, can be a fine influence in the Circles under her care, and the girls should be recognized as a vital part of the presbyterial. It will help them to sense the size of the organization to which they belong, and the importance of their own share in it.

GIVING A WORLD VISION

The world is more mission-minded today than ever before. Returning travelers like Mr. Willkie, herald in the secular press, the value of the missionary, and soldiers and sailors in faraway places praise the work they had in ignorance belittled. Young people love to be identified with big things, and today's Circle girls are thrilled to realize that because they have heard and heeded the Great Commission, they have shared in this movement, to the importance of which the world is just awakening.

THE JOY OF A SPONSOR

If anyone who reads these lines is hesitating about organizing or sponsoring a teen-age group, I commend it to her as a highly profitable investment. For the comparatively small amount of time and energy expended, it pays rich dividends. Two or three years make such a difference in the lives of girls; it is thrilling to watch them grow up, and a privilege to share in their spiritual development. There is never a dull moment in a Circle meeting, and the sponsor renews her youth and enthusiasm in this company where the words "It can't be done!" and "I decline!" are as a foreign tongue. Perhaps the writer has been unusually fortunate, but in 10 years of teen-age work, she has had neither a head-ache nor a heart-ache, only joy and satisfaction.

I think of a group of girls, in college and business now, who began as a Circle. They have been so interested in missions that all of them have attended the New Wilmington Missionary Conference, many miles from home; all of them tithe, and last year they had the highest per capita Thank Offering in their presbyterial! Who can estimate the loss to these young women or to their congregation or to the Kingdom of God, if the dear lady who organized the little group of high school freshmen had been disobedient to her vision?

Suggested Devotional Service

For Program-Study on "Young Bridge Builders—The Juniors and Young People"

By (MRS. C. W.) ELSIE WEHLING FULTON

Devotional Theme for year beginning April, 1944: SPIRITUAL SPANS

June: The Span of Faithfulness. Prov. 20:11.

(On a large cardboard, sketch a bridge with four piers. Mark the bridge "Span of Faithfulness." During Part I, print the word ADMIT on the first pier; during Part II, the word COMMIT on the second pier; during Part III, the word SUBMIT on the third pier; and during Part IV, the word TRANSMIT on the fourth pier.)

Opening Thought: Eph. 5:1, 2.

Song: Bible Songs Hymnal No. 3.

PART I

Leader: If we would build a span of faithfulness to God throughout the years of our life, we must first of all admit the Christ into our hearts.

Solo: Psalter Hymnal No. 382.

Poem:

"I have a Friend so precious,
So very dear to me,
He loves me with such tender love,
He loves so faithfully,
I could not live apart from Him,
I love to feel Him nigh,
And so we dwell together,
My Lord and I."

PART II.

Leader: If we would build a span of faithfulness, we must dedicate our lives unto the Lord, commit our ways to Him.

Solo: Ps. Hymnal No. 423.

Poem:

"O Jesus Christ, grow Thou in me,
And all things else recede;
My heart be daily nearer Thee—
From sin be daily freed.

"Make this poor self grow less and less;
Be Thou my life and aim;
Oh, make me daily, through Thy grace,
More worthy of Thy Name."

PART III.

Leader: We must submit our wills to the will of God, if we are to follow faithfully the steps of our Master.

Solo: Ps. Hymnal No. 418.

Scripture Reading: Rom. 12:1, 2.

PART IV.

Leader: When we have admitted the Christ into our hearts, have committed to Him our ways, have submitted to Him our wills, then we undoubtedly will transmit His Glad Tidings to others who know not His salvation.

Solo: Ps. Hymnal No. 372.

Prayer: *(That those who have named His Name may be found faithful in all things. See also 1, 3, 30 Days in the Prayer Cycle.)*

Leader: We are known by the extent of our faithfulness. In the Book of Proverbs we are told that "even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right."

Closing Song: B. S. H. No. 130.

"Our Friend Sleepeth"

A Tribute From The Women's Board

IN her West Palm Beach, Florida home, during the early morning hours of March 22, 1944, the call, "Come, ye blessed of my Father" came to (Mrs. Wm. P.) Edith Hice Wiegering. Dr. and Mrs. Wiegering had given up their home in Youngstown, Ohio five years ago and had gone to live in the sunny South, hoping their health would be better in that climate. But it was not long till Dr. Wiegering was called to be with his Lord. Since then Mrs. Wiegering continued to live in her Florida home, but spent some time among her many friends in the North.

Mrs. William P. Wiegering

Mrs. Wiegering was elected a member of the Women's Board in 1920 and resigned in 1939. For six years she ably carried the work of the Temperance and Prayer Group Departments; then she was elected Parsonage Secretary, which office she held until she gave up her Board duties. She was a capable and conscientious secretary, wise but always kindly in her parsonage work and eager to further the work of the Kingdom.

Having been reared in a Covenanter home, Mrs. Wiegering had a continuous life of faith and devotion to her Lord; in her service, Bible reading, and prayer she lived in the consciousness that she was a child of God. She was a good woman; a kind, loving, thoughtful wife and mother; a true friend with kindness and understanding; a gracious hostess welcoming many to their hospitable home; and a tireless, dependable member of the Church and Sabbath School of the Tabernacle United Presbyterian Church, Youngstown, Ohio for many years, and of the missionary society, the Presbyterial and the Women's General Missionary Society. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." Rev. 14:13.

To her son, William H. Wiegering, Lieutenant-Commander in the U. S. Navy, and her sister, Mrs. Caroline Sloan and family we extend our sincere sympathy.

Good News from Far Countries

India

MRS. JOSEPH ALTER, Editor, Zafarwal, India

NOTES FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING

At the Annual Meeting, Mrs. McArthur used in connection with her devotional theme—"The goodness and faithfulness of God" Ps. 89, reminiscences of the gifts and of the help received from older missionaries no longer in service.

Dr. Barr: His gift was the gift of laughter when all seemed to be going wrong. He cheered and encouraged his workers when the work was lagging. He lived to a good old age—nearly 102 years.

Dr. Caldwell: His gift was patience. He never hurried the Indian people when they came in to talk with him; he always listened patiently to all their requests.

Dr. Holliday: Hard work was his gift. He was tireless in his efforts and faithful in his tasks.

Dr. W. T. Anderson: His gift was personal work. As a young man in the Seminary he made a vow that he would speak to some person every day about salvation. He was instant in season and out of season, speaking to coolies, tonga drivers, laborers and farmers, rich and poor, day by day.

Dr. Scott: His great gift was love. He loved everybody. He had deep sympathy which is one expression of love.

Dr. Cummings: His gift was persistence. He overcame a handicap; his eyes were weak so he used his ears and worked out a phonetic system of learning the Indian languages, which has been adapted to the study of all languages. An Indian said to him once, "You give us such joy when you speak to us so we can understand and our hearts are made glad."

Dr. Ballantyne: His gift was unselfishness. He realized the needs of his own work but he was always able to see the needs of other districts and of other types of work.

In conclusion Mrs. McArthur said: "As we think of these workers who have gone from our field, may we take their gifts and make them ours."

Professor Dickason of Burma was present and brought greetings from the church of Burma. He told of the severe and cruel treatment endured by many at the hands of the Japanese. Through all of their persecutions, through bombings and fires and suffering the Christians as a whole are loyal and courageous. While it is hard to move about yet groups of Christians meet for worship in little bamboo houses.

Speaking of the way the Chinese church has grown under terrible war conditions Professor Dickason feels hopeful for the future of the church in Burma.

CHRISTMAS IN INDIA

Christmas morning we had a very nice English service which was attended by a number of English officers and their wives stationed nearby. In the afternoon we had the Urdu service. In the evening we all had a good time with the school girls when Mr. Stewart as Santa Claus distributed little gifts to the girls who had to stay in the school for Christmas vacation. There was much fun when the City pastor received a very large cauliflower, and the two clerks each received a large turnip. We had asked the girls to organize a Student Government. Miss Graham was the king and I was the

queen. Mrs. Akram, the matron, was the Prime Minister. The head girl was the Viceroy and the various Senior girls were the various Ministers; such as:—Minister of Finance to look after the pocket money, Minister of Posts and Telegraph to see the mail, Minister of Supplies to plan meals, Minister of Health whose duties are obvious, Minister of Recreation to plan good times, Minister of Conservation to see that lights and water were turned off, and the Minister of Labor to see that the work assigned was done. At the evening party we gave each minister a funny gift and they all entered into the fun.

A birthday luncheon with the girls and a lunch to whom we invited the servants' children were also enjoyable events. We tried to bring a bit of home life to the lonely officers and soldiers and had some in for tea and for dinner. One result of the tea was that one of the fellows came back to borrow a cook book! I wonder how he will succeed in his efforts to give his mess companions something different while he was planning the menus!" *Willa Ramsey*

GIFTS

All but forty girls went home for the Christmas holidays from the G. B. S. Hajipur, Sialkot. The girls who remained seemed to have a gay time and were not at all anxious for the others to return. I have never seen such amounts of "eatables" come into the school as the homegoers brought this year—in bags, baskets, and bundles of all kinds. There seems to be no end to the skins, shells and peelings that are to be found in the Boarding School, and I will be glad when the holiday feasting is over.

After vacation two daughters of a village self-support pastor returned with their fees in full and rupees 7 from their father's tithe to be used as spending money for the seven orphan girls who are in our school. Wasn't that a splendid, unsolicited gift? *Ruth Ardrey*

Egypt

MRS. W. J. SKELLIE, Editor, Luxor, Egypt

MIDDLE EGYPT THANK OFFERING

By MISS LUCIA DWIGHT, Beni Suef, Egypt

Middle Egypt Presbytery includes three districts—Minia, Beni Suef and Fayoum with their surrounding towns and villages. Two large meetings were held instead of one because of difficulties connected with the present train schedules and connections. The first one was held in Second Church, Minia, the second in the Church at Wasta. Some extra planning and work was necessary for the Minia meeting as Minia district has not had a resident missionary since the departure of the Bailey family.

It was impossible to go to all the places, but with three "Teams" we made good progress in the time at our disposal. Friday, March 19 dawned a gray rainy day which dampened our best hopes all morning; but in spite of the weather delegates arrived from the villages in the rain! and also Miss McMillan our Thank Offering Treasurer! The rain caused a half hour delay at the beginning but the morning session closed on schedule time at noon. Two excellent talks on "Victory" gave us fresh vision for a new world through faith in Christ.

The afternoon turned out fairer and later the sun shone brightly, and the church was crowded. Girls of the Evangelical School helped in the afternoon session with special songs and two Thank Offering dialogues. The total offering from

Minia district was L.E. 68.515. It was a great day of fellowship together and for many thing we were thankful.

Three delegates from Minia represented their district at our second meeting which was held in Wasta for the two districts of Fayoum and Beni Suef. A dust storm on Thursday, March 25, stirred up doubts and fears in our expectations for Friday, March 26, but the day beamed with typical Egyptian sunshine from sunrise to sunset, for which we were thankful. The morning message, "Giving Thanks" brought us beautiful thoughts from the Psalmist David's rich thanksgiving experiences, and out of the Apostle Paul's epistles of doctrine and exhortations concerning thanks; inspiring us to say with them, "O give thanks unto the Lord, —because His mercy endureth forever,"—"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." The morning session ended at eleven thirty, giving the committees on Distribution of Thank Offerings and Election of New Officers time to meet before lunch. As usual picnic lunches were indulged in at noon recess, and such happy groups they were! The afternoon session opened with song and prayer. Again we listened to an inspiring address on "Victory," by Miss Helana Mansour, whose handling of the same theme made it a fresh subject, inspiring us anew to victorious living in Christ, and the only "Way" for world victory, and a successful new order. Girls of the Evangelical School in Wasta presented a Thank Offering dialogue, sang two special songs and recited two poems and Bible verses on giving thanks. The total Thank Offering from Fayoum district was L.E. 29.850 and the total from Beni Suef district was L.E. 44.860. With an additional pound Egyptian from the plate offering, the grand total amounted to L.E. 144.225 a little over $700.00 from the three districts of Middle Egypt, the largest thank offering in our history to date. The Wasta meeting closed at 2:30 P.M. Rev. Saad Saleeb, the newly ordained pastor of the Wasta Church pronounced the benediction. And here as at Minia we had a fine day of spiritual fellowship together. At both meetings refreshments of tea and cakes were served to everybody. We continue to pray that the Thank Offering meeting held at Wasta will continue to be a blessing for some days to come to the Wasta congregation. And for many things we are thankful!

EL TALIBAH—(THE LEARNER)

In our presentation of Literary and Literature in the November Magazine the story of the many magazines supported by the Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children in Mission Lands was crowded out. "Treasure Chest" in India is translated into a number of languages.—in Urdu in our field.

The Magazine in Egypt, is called "El Talibah"—The Learner. This Magazine is for High School and college girls and for young women who have completed their schooling. It is edited by Miss Abeid, a graduate of the American College for Girls in Cairo.

Part of the support of these magazines comes from the World Day of Prayer Offerings.

The Spirit In The Valley Of Bones

ANDREW W. BLACKWOOD, D.D., Princeton, New Jersey

Hebrew Prophecy is the gift of God to the imagination. Especially does Ezekiel appeal to the eye of the soul. In Old Testament history the vision of the valley filled with bones has to do with the return from the Exile. But to us there may be a wider meaning. At any rate, there is a striking resemblance between that valley and wide stretches of the earth today. From this point of view, the dry bones serve as symbols of dead souls in general and of the spiritual condition of Israel in particular. The divine promise is that the quickening power will come through the Spirit of God.

1. *THE HOLY SPIRIT IN TERMS OF POWER*

The Spirit of God is more than Power. He is also Divine Wisdom and Perfect Beauty. But at present we ought to think about Him in terms of Power. The Spirit, then, is the Power of God in the lives of men, for service. Instead of presenting this idea abstractly, however, the Prophets cause us to see in the world about us symbols of His power. One of those symbols is the wind, another is fire, still a third is light. Whatever the form of the teaching, the heart of the truth about the Spirit of God is Power from God.

The power of the Spirit is practical. He can cause a man to speak so as to bring life into the valley full of bones. This power is also personal. In Ezekiel xxxvii, and often elsewhere, the Spirit utters words that should come only from God. The Spirit performs wonders that call for the resources of the Almighty. The Spirit likewise receives homage that we accord only to the Most High. In short, amid all the holy mysteries of our faith, few surpass this one about the Spirit as the Power of God. Is that not what the Church needs today?

II. THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT THROUGH PREACHING

"Prophesy over these bones." In terms of today, "Preach unto dead souls!" Evidently, the Spirit claims the right to determine where a man shall preach, what he shall say, and how he shall deliver his message to those that are dead in soul, because they are trying to get along without God. "This is life eternal, that they should know Thee, the only true God." To be dead in spirit, therefore, must mean to live as though there were no God, who is Light and Life and Love. For example, think of many a village over in the heart of India, or, to bring the matter closer home, of the appalling spiritual illiteracy of vast sections of Jewry in our land! Is not that a valley of dead men's bones?

Into any such valley, abroad or at home, the messenger of God comes with a gospel of life and hope. "Ye shall live!" Thus it pleases God through "the foolishness of preaching" to save those that believe. Herein lies what a recent author terms "the mystery of preaching," and what still another calls "the miracle of preaching." The mystery has to do with the Source of the power to transform, and the miracle concerns the life that comes into the valley full of bones, very many and very dry.

Such is the vision. Fortunately, it is confirmed in history, both

ancient and modern. For instance, when Charles Darwin was young, he visited the South Pacific. On one of the Fuegian Islands he found natives so degraded, that he thought it useless to send them missionaries. Within less than a generation he acknowledged his error. As a token of his admiration of the marvels wrought by preaching the gospel of Christ, he sent the London Missionary Society a personal check for five pounds. Who follows in his train?

III. THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT THROUGH PRAYER

"Prophesy unto the wind." In other words, "Pray for the Spirit!" Once again we stand in the presence of mystery. The Spirit leads a man into the valley of bones and there bids him preach a message of life from the dead. The Spirit blesses the proclamation of the truth, so that there is amid the bones a vast commotion. Ere long the valley is full of dead bodies. There is nothing the matter with them except that that are dead. In terms of today, preaching can cause mighty upheavals, but it cannot impart life to dead souls.

The same Spirit bids a man preach to dead souls and then pray for power to bring them life. The source of that power must be the Spirit who summons the man to preach. So it seems that in the miracle of the gospel the work of the Spirit is all in all. From beginning to end the herald needs to follow His guidance and lay hold on His power. He alone can impart life to dead souls. According to our vision, when the seer prophesied as He was commanded, and when he prayed for power from above, those dead bodies "stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army."

Thus we have thought about the Holy Spirit in terms of Power, of Preaching, and of Prayer. Now let us consider the same Spirit of God with reference to the present-day Church.

Everywhere men and women are asking, "What does the Church need in order to help a world that has lost its way to God?" Some of our most influential magazines, such as *The Atlantic Monthly* and *Fortune*, have taken up the cry, "What is the matter with the Church?" Whatever the form of the answer, the substance is that the Church lacks power.

Among our most spiritual laymen, also, there is a growing conviction that the Church needs power from above. Some of our most loyal workers are saying, "We have numbers and equipment, men and money, with almost everything else, except the ability to win souls for God. We lack the power to run our machinery for His glory; we are not able to use our resources in meeting the needs of men. Surrounded as we are by hosts of men and women who are struggling to exist without God and without hope, ofttimes we feel helpless. What shall we do?"

If such a mood ever begins to steal over our heart, turn at once to the vision of the valley full of dead men's bones. Hear the Lord God as He calls for a message about life from the dead. Remember that the Holy Spirit alone is the source of power for a Church, or a man, called to minister among dead souls. Especially in a world where war has been raging, and where death abounds, we men need to learn anew that in ourselves we can do nothing for dead souls. But when as a Church we go forth with the power of the Most High God, we shall discover that He still is able to transform the valley of dry bones into a field with a great army of the redeemed.—*Jewish Missionary Magazine.*

President's Page

In writing this message, my first desire, as Convention Secretary, is to express appreciation to the Presbyterial Recording Secretaries for their promptness in sending names of delegates to the 1944 Convention. A large proportion of the "white slips" were returned prior to January 1, as had been requested. Only a few had not come in before the end of March. Thus the task of sending out extra reminders in April has been much simplified. Also, having the names early is decidedly helpful to those planning the Program and arranging Convention details. The "pink credential slips" for individual delegates will be mailed to Presbyterial Secretaries for distribution in May. Should any delegate not receive hers in ample time, please consult your Presbyterial Recording Secretary about it.

No doubt many women and young women who plan to share in the delegate activities and fellowship of the New Concord Convention will be first-time attenders. For them, and for all who attend, there will doubtless be at least one hundred "back home" for each one present, who will be thinking about and praying for the work and the workers.

In one missionary society a certain member read with kindled interest the message of our Convention President, Mrs. Thomas F. Baker, in the *February Magazine*. This certain member challenged the women of her society to memorize the 117th Psalm, source of the Convention theme, "Praise Him." She does not expect to go herself, but wants this wonderful theme to find a response in the hearts of her missionary friends. Why not every woman of our Church memorize this short Psalm? Only two verses, yet a precious gem of completeness in the three-fold message that is vital to us at this time—clear call for all people and nations to praise Him; a reminder of His merciful kindness in the past and present; and the assurance that His Truth *will* prevail now and in the future, because "it endureth forever."

For almost one-half of the lifetime of the relatively youthful so-called Modern Missionary Movement our General Missionary Society has been translating *praise* into action through the ministry of missionaries and missionary enterprises. Progress may seem slow until we pause to take a long look and note the harvest already evident after only sixty-one years of planting seeds of Christian love and truth. It is then we are impelled to "Praise Him."

What is ahead for Missions? Who knows? Yet somehow Faith puts us on the side of those who vision unparalleled missionary opportunities and who are preparing now to advance.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning said:

"Happy are all free peoples too strong to be dispossessed,
But blessed are those among nations who dare to be strong for the rest."

May our Convention help us to "be strong for the rest" in our determination to bind up wounds that war engenders with regard to racial attitudes and the sacredness of human personality!

—*Mrs. E. D. McKune.*

Editorial

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BOUND VOLUMES FOR THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

At long last the bound volumes for the Library of Congress have been sent to Washington, D. C. We were beginning to wonder how much longer the shortage of labor would delay the binding of these precious magazines collected from many sources. The Magazine contained but thirty-two pages for the first twenty years so we combined two years in one volume, thus making forty-six volumes of equal size.

To go back into the recent experience of assembling files, the impetus was given by a request, first to send sample copies, then to be put on the mailing list and finally to assemble a file for *Internationaal Archief Voor De Vrouwenbegweging*—The Archives of the International Women's Organization with headquarters in Holland.

Word was sent out through our pages and the first response came from Miss Ida Henning, whose deceased sister, Miss Sarah Henning, treasurer of the Women's Association for many years, had saved Magazines from 1887. There were missing numbers all of which were supplied by Miss Lydia McCague, of Omaha, Nebraska, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas McCague, our first Missionaries to Egypt. Miss McCague wrote that her mother had saved the Magazines from the very beginning. The file was completed and arrangements made for shipment in September 1939. War in Europe had begun and we were advised to hold these precious books until the seas would be safe. They remained in boxes month after month and even year after year.

Since our Theological Seminary had bound volumes for recent years only, we asked the President Dr. John McNaugher if a complete file of bound Magazines would be acceptable and received a very gracious reply. These volumes were bound and formally presented to the Seminary.

A dear missionary-minded woman, Mrs. J. A. Ferguson, of Sterling, Kansas, who was the first Secretary of the Women's General Missionary Society, left in her will her entire library to Sterling College. Sterling College already was in possession of a Magazine file. Mrs. W. R. Irvine, President of the W. G. M. S. in 1938, wrote asking if there would be any use that could be made of these magazines. There was a quick reply, "Yes". Two sons of missionaries, students in the college, under the direction of Mrs. Irvine packed the magazines and sent them to Pittsburgh.

It was just at this time Mr. Alexander McLeish, the new Librarian, had given forth a statement that he wanted in the Library of Congress every book and magazine that had contributed to the life of the nation. In his first annual report Mr. McLeish laid down as one of several canons: "The Library of Congress should possess all books and other materials (whether in original or copy) which express and record the life and achievements of the people of the United States." It was quite evident that *The Womens Missionary Magazine* would qualify.

The editor made inquiry and received the following very delightful and informal letter:

Dear Mrs. White:

We are grateful for your letter which we received recently with its offer to present to the Library of Congress a complete file of *The Womens Misisonary Magazine.* This publication is not represented here and we shall be most grateful to have a file. We shall welcome the bound future numbers and wish to ask that you send them to the Library of Congress, Serial Record, Washington, D. C. .

Sincerely yours,

John H. Moriarty,
Chief, Accessions Division.

After such a cordial acceptance we could not think of sending tattered old copies but wanted to make a gift somewhat worthy of the recipient, and decided that nothing but lovely new bindings should be on these old, old copies.

There were many missing numbers in Mrs. Ferguson's collection. Again a call went forth and letters began to come in from all parts of the country. Miss Mabel Stewart, of New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, formerly of India wrote: "The Stewarts always keep everything. I think we may be able to supply your need. A bundle of the early editions was sent. Miss Ada King of Walton, N. Y., wrote, "Mother never allowed a copy of the Magazine to be destroyed." A list of the wanted copies was sent. Miss King went up to the attic and looked through "The Box" finding 26 copies. Some were missing. "Mother sometimes loaned copies to women," she explained.

Miss Mabel Dobbins of Viola, Kansas, went through her "box" and located several copies. Miss Helen Fulton of Washington, Iowa, offered from her store. Miss Ella Barnes, retired missionary from Egypt, sent four copies some of which had come from Miss Margaret Smith, one of the veterans in Egypt.

For the very old copies we thought Xenia would be the source of supply. Mrs. Robert Dean, of the family of Mrs. W. C. Dean, who was a member of the Magazine Committee for several years, was the first to respond. Miss Margaret Moorehead, daughter of the beloved Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Moorehead and for a very short time a member of the Magazine Committee, sent several desired copies. Surely the very first issue ought to be in Xenia—probably the Pattersons would have it. The Pattersons for the time being are in Washington. A letter brought back the reply, No, Dr. Austin Patterson, (son of the very first editor of the Magazine), had had all the copies up to a certain date bound and placed in the Xenia public library.

More letters were sent here and there. Mrs. J. H. McCulloch, of Chula Vista, California, another daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas McCague, wrote that she had some very old copies and later sent several. Now only two copies were missing—one of the "middle ages" and the first one. Mrs. McCulloch wrote: "My cousin Mrs. Montrose of Santa Anita, California, has the treasured copies of her mother and she may be able to furnish the lacking numbers. Then letters went flying back and forth —so near the goal we were, we could not lose a single clue. Mrs. Pollock is a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Nevin who were our missionaries in China

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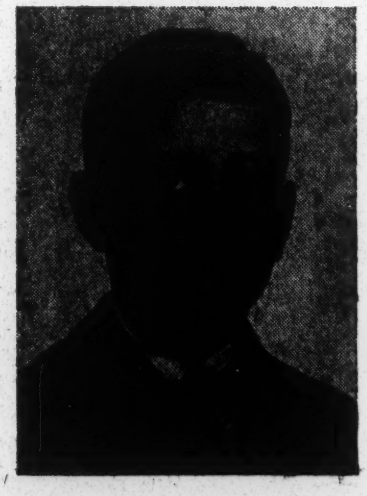

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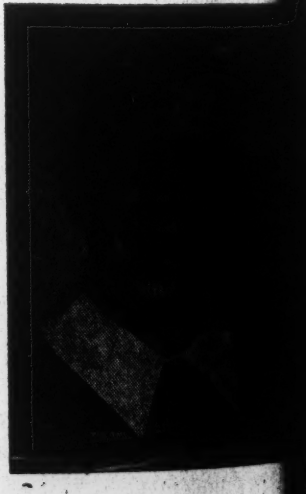

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LET'S SING A SONG

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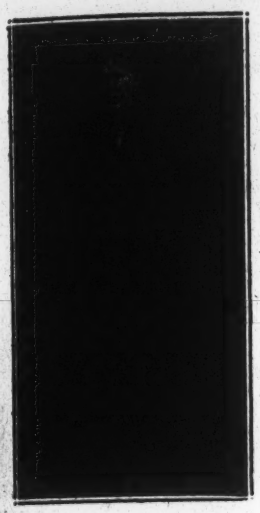

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To give you information;
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For proper inspiration.

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Mrs. Joseph Heagen,
Editor Junior Missionary Magazine.

many years ago. Yes, Mrs. Pollock had the much sought and much desired copies.

It should be mentioned that many others wrote offering copies, but ones that were duplicates. Among those sent there were often missing pages; a nice story or sweet poem had been clipped out. Our meticulous book binder insisted that this file must be perfect. In the end it is almost so—just one leaf is missing! We are deeply grateful to all who were willing to go to their attics and search through "The Box" in order to help complete this file for the Library of Congress.

May be some one is asking, "Will there be another file collected? Yes, and much of it is already in hand. When Miss Lydia McCague died some months ago, her niece, Miss Anna McCague sent her old file from which we had already drawn so heavily. Others who have offered magazines have sent in several packages. These we shall hold until this terrible war is over and life begins to resume its natural course, when our letters will not be returned as from "enemy territory" but will be delivered to our friends in Holland and when that time comes we shall D. V., send as complete a file as possible to *Internationaal Archief Voor De Vrouwenbeg-weging.*

MAGAZINE SHOWER

For many successive years a feature of the W.G.M.S. Convention has been "The Magazine Shower". This year we look forward to this part of the program. We ask that Literature Secretaries do their best to make this "Shower" of 1944 the heaviest of all. Will you not in your capacity as a Secretary give every member an opportunity to become a reader? Will you not see that all present subscriptions are renewed? Women often fail to renew through forgetfulness, or because they have always depended on the Literature Secretary to remind them.

Will you see that subscriptions are sent early in the first of the month so they will reach Pittsburgh by the tenth. Otherwise much labor is necessary to send out individual magazines that were too late to be put on the mailing list.

1944 *CLUB OFFER*

Again we make a Club Offer—FIVE NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR FOUR DOLLARE AND FIFTY CENTS. Renewals accepted at the same rate ONLY ON CONDITION that they accompany a CLUB OF FIVE NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS.

SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER

Mercer Presbyterial, Mrs. Jane McG. Yahn, President, planned a special prayer service under the auspices of each local society for all of its men and women in the Armed Forces.

Each society held this meeting Wednesday evening April 12. An outlined program was prepared by the Presbyterial Prayer Group Secretary, Miss Frances M. Calderwood. Each local Prayer Group Secretary was provided with programs to send to the men and women in service that they may know the women of the churches are remembering them and In many communities this day will be observed. It is a time fo rall praying for them all along the way.

CONVENTION ENTERTAINMENT

The problems of obtaining food and sufficient help have made it necessary to limit the registration of the 1944 WGMS convention to 300, according to Dr. Robert M. Montgomery. Reservations will be made in the order in which they are received. Muskingum College main dormitory and its annexes will be available but it will be necessary to place some delegates in homes near the campus. Meals for all delegates will be served in the dormitory dining room.

Rates for the full convention, beginning with dinner Tuesday evening and continuing through breakfast Saturday morning, will be $11.25. In private homes where double beds are shared, the rate will be $10.25. The prices for meals are as follows: breakfast $.35, luncheon $.75, dinner $.90. These are included in the above rates.

Rates at the Muskingum House (hotel) are: double room with running water $2.50 to $3.50; double room with bath $4.50. Extra cots may be placed in $3.50 and $4.50 rooms at $1.25 per person.

The committee suggests that all delegates come prepared for walking, bringing comfortable, low-heeled shoes, since there are no taxis or public conveyances. Distances between dormitories and chapel, where convention sessions are to be held, are not great, but the campus is quite hilly.

To make reservations, write to Mrs. J. K. Fitzwater, Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio.

Local Committee
Muskingum Presbyterial

CALL TO PRAYER

For Members, Missionaries, and Friends of the W. G. M. S.

June 16, 1944

IN THE U. S.
(War Time)

11 A.M. . . .Eastern
10 A.M. . . .Central
9 A.M. . .Mountain
8 A.M. . . .Pacific

OVERSEAS

India . . . . . 8 P.M.
Egypt . . . . . 5 P.M.
The Sudan . . 5 P.M.
Ethiopia . . . 5 P.M.

Thank Offering Department

MRS. O. H. MILLIGAN, Thank Offering Secretary, 905 Publication Bldg., Ninth Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

THANKING HIM

"Do you thank our Father, every livelong day,
For the silver shadows, for the sunlight gay—
For the sound of music, for the glowing sea,
For the stars that light the heaven's mystery?
Do you thank our Maker, every passing hour,
For each bit of beauty, for each gentle flower,
For the tender twilight, when the night is near,
For the smile that follows after every tear?

"Do you thank our Teacher, with each swift heart-beat,
For the gift of fingers, for the gift of feet—
For our eyes, our hearing, for our lips and hands,
Or do we think swiftly that He understands?

"We should thank our Father, simply as a child,
For His utter patience, calm and sweet and mild,
For the blessings scattered, over all the way—
We should thank our Father every live-long day!"

NEW THANK OFFERING SECRETARIES

These days are bringing many letters asking "What are the duties of a Thank Offering Secretary of a missionary society?"

New Secretaries have been elected in many societies and to all we say "Welcome!" You have been chosen by your society to a very important work. There is no work greater than directing the members of your society to recognize God as the giver of all their blessings and urge them to press their gratitude to Him by their Thank Offerings.

Wishing to help you in this new work we suggest the following: Plan something on the subject of the Thank Offering for each meeting of the society. See that each member has a Thank Offering box and encourage each one to place it where it can be seen daily. Set an increased amount as a goal to be attained in your next Thank Offering. Start a file of clippings on this subject. You will be very much surprised how many things you will find on the subject in your reading. Use these at some meeting for Roll Call. Make good use of all literature and supplies of the Thank Offering Department. You will find in the last List of Supplies many leaflets and suggestions that will help you in making a very interesting program for each month of the year.

Cultivate the soil each month of the year and you will rejoice at the abundant ingathering in the closing months of the Thank Offering year.

Each presbyterial has elected a Thank Offering Secretary to help you in your local work. Write her for helps and suggestions and also invite her to come to at least one meeting of your society each year. She will bring you a message of information and inspiration.

Keep in touch with all the work of the women of our church by reading *The Womens Missionary Magazine* and *The Junior Magazine*.

In all your plans give prayer the first place. Begin, continue, and end your efforts in prayer. Earnest, persevering prayer can do great things in increasing our gifts for the work.

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Young Women's Department *including* Girls' Circles

MISS IDA B. LITTLE, Young Women's Secretary
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AIMS—A.—A Circle or a Y. W. Society or both in every congregation.
B.—Support of Work of W.G.M.S. materially and spiritually.
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Permanent object—Support of G. B. S., Pasrur, India.
Annually decided object—Salaries of Mrs. Rachel Boyd, Matron of Girls' Dormitory, Frenchburg, Ky.; Mrs. Eva J. Adams, R.N., Superintendent of Jubilee Hospital, Henderson, N. C.; Miss Beth Johnstone, Tacoma, Wash.; Miss Mary Cole, Khartum North, The Sudan.

NEW YOUNG WOMEN'S SOCIETIES OR GIRLS' CIRCLES

Rock Island Presbyterial—2nd Rock Island Donald C. Irwin Missionary Guild—14 members—Pres., Mrs. W. L. Lindsley. (The society is named for the former pastor, now an Army Chaplain.)

Hudson Presbyterial — Bethany Church of Bloomfield, Y.W.M.S. (This congregation is very new, but desires to be well organized for missions.)

Butler Presbyterial—Meridian Ruth Nichol Society—18 members.—Pres., Beverly Tipton. (This congregation has organized *two* new societies during the year and has another one in the process or organization to be reported early in the new year. What other congrecation can measure up to this record?)

Philadelphia Presbyterial—Beverly Hills Teen Age Circle—15 members. This organization first met last October and was formally organized in December. Although so very new, it had a Thank Offering, a very good amount,—$25.46. The group meets the first Friday of each month after school at the home of the sponsor, Mrs. Roy Grace, the wife of the pastor.

MAY IS HERE!

One month of the new year, 1944-45, is already written off the calendar! Now it is May! Have societies planned to be vigorous throughout the year or are they thinking,—"June—and then—vacation!" Momentum is hard to gain once it has slowed down. How difficult it is to pick up speed in September! The fact that vacations away from home are not encouraged by transportation companies may make a difference for the better in beginning work after the summer's rest. To have a satisfactory finish to a year is to keep the tempo up throughout the year. Every time the Missionary Magazine comes it says, "Another month has passed. With it has gone a month of opportunity!"

Yes, May is here, but it will pass quickly.

THAT PROGRAM

What seems to be uppermost in the minds of many who would gather the girls into a mission circle is whether a suitable program can be arranged. It is taken for granted that there may be some difficulty finding something to hold the interest. Indeed this thought stands out rather prominently,—that the society may be organized but its continuance for any appreciable period is a matter of

question!—May it be that not enough is expected of the girls? Faith in them as sensitive human beings should create more assurance on the part of the organizers that many girls *are* deeply concerned for the underprivileged and are eager to be used in a constructive way, such as giving the gospel message to hungry souls. These girls need to be assured that their elders believe in their sincerity,—that they do not deliberately mean to be difficult!

That something unusual in the type of program is always necessary in order to maintain the interest of the girls is open to question. Just simple, direct programs can be most satisfactory and satisfying if careful preparation and interesting presentation obtain.

Variety is of value, but it should not become the major thought of the program else the real purpose of the organization may be lost. For new circles particularly, we are inclined to believe that a good deal of foundation needs to be laid. In the Junior society, a superintendent leads out. The circle throws a good deal of responsibility on the individual member. She is more or less on her own. The circle is the place to begin to specialize on the world by the way of maps. Because of the war, we are seeing day after day maps of all parts of the world and are becoming more or less familiar with Asia, Africa, the South Sea Islands and what not. No longer does there seem to be a line of demarcation between lands. It is now one big neighborhood,—this world of ours! All our foreign fields have been or are now not so far from hostilities.

Without doubt a simple presentation of our several fields in turn, using map and facts about the people as to mode of life, religion and customs and something about how the Gospel changes the whole outlook on life for even the humblest folk, is most interesting. The first year or two of a society can very well be devoted largely to such a study.

Stations where our mission work centers may be marked and numbered on individual maps (skeleton maps). The names of the places may also be numbered as on the map and be placed on the margin of the map. The names of the missionaries at those stations may be placed on a sheet of paper and numbered with station numbers. Paste sheet to edge of map. If it be thought wise, the type of work being done may be indicated by chosen signs.

Time may also be taken to learn how to pronounce the names of places on the map where the Mission has stations. It is easier for a young person to acquire pronunciations than it is for the adult. Our girls should learn early and avoid the embarrassment so often the experience of adults who canont seem to be able to pronounce strange names.

Even such a simple plan of program as cited above will admit one or two good stories which may be found in the Women's Missionary Magazine, Church papers, the shelves of the Literature Department or from the pages of the current study books or other mission books. Nor need an appropriate solo, duet or chorus be foregone. Our girls have practice in high school these days in developing their initiative. The circle should offer plenty of practice.

Probably the mother or older sister society should delegate visitors to drop in once or twice a year to witness progress and extend encouragement. We wonder whether the several missionary societies in a congregation might not be a bit more neighborly than is the rule. This might serve to unite the spirit of our forces.

Perhaps some one has an idea for a further development of the program. We would welcome the interest thus displayed. Only general ideas can be proposed since what will suit one group may not suit another. Here is where local initiative comes into its own. This is where variety is created. A well worked out program which has been used may receive

proper publicity on the pages of the Young Women's Department and thus serve as a step towards solving that vexed program problem.

HUDSON PRESBYTERIAL YOUNG WOMEN'S RALLY

This was held February 28 at Newark, N. J. Forty were present to enjoy the very interesting meeting. An "Information, Please" quiz, based on Young Women's work, was held. The various groups present gave some report of their doings during the year. Ideas were exchanged to the profit of all. The secretary said that one of the nicest surprises of the evening was the announcement of a new society in the presbyterial, this at the new Bethany church at Bloomfield, N. J. Miss Margaret Mac Kinnon, secretary, reported this delightful meeting.

WESAMORELAND PRESBYTERIAL RALLY

This rally met at Turtle Creek United Presbyterian church at 7:30 P. M. on March 31. Two special features on the program were the music by Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary quartette and an address by Mrs. Margaret Wilson Copeland of Wheeling, W. Va. The theme discussed was, —"One World." A social hour concluded the program. Mrs. E. R. McCall is secretary of Young Women.

DETROIT PRESBYTERIAL Y. W. RALLY

The Young Women's Societies of Detroit Presbytèrial held their rally at Littlefield Blvd. Church recently. Mrs. Duncan Henry was the speaker. A good representation was present and all enjoyed Mrs. Henry's message immensely. Tea was later served by the young women of the Elizabeth Weir Society.

Mrs. Jno. W. Grimes is the presbyterial Y. W. Secretary.

PROGRAM CULLINGS

Second Butler W. M. S. has sent in its year book for review. Selected Scripture quotations introduce each program. The life of the noted Negro scientist, George Washington Carver, is the subject for study on Negro Missions day. As a near-Home Mission presentation, an illustrated talk based on Mexico, holds a place. Book reviews are planned for. Monthly teas are enjoyable, but the climax for the social hour is a tureen dinner, a festive occasion. Mrs. George W. Hazlett is chairman of the program committee.

RULES FOR PLANTING A VICTORY GARDEN IN YOUR ORGANIZATION

First—Plant five rows of P's—presence, promptness, preparation, perseverance and purity.

Next—Plant three rows of Squash—squash gossip, squash criticism, squash indifference.

Then—Plant five rows of Lettuce—Let us be faithful to duty, let us be unselfish and loyal, let us be true to our own obligations, let us obey rules and regulations, let us love one another.

No garden is complete without Turnips—Turn up for the meetings, turn up with a smile, turn up with new ideas, turn up with new members, turn up with determination to make everything count for something good and worth while.

Quoted in *The Glad Tidings.*

Girls' Circle Program

By MRS. JAMES R. LEE, Bellrose, L. I., N. Y.

YOUTH BRIDGE BUILDERS

The Juniors and Young Women "Looking Into the Future."

By MRS. JAMES R. LEE, Bellerose, L. I., N. Y.

"Remember now thy Creator, in the days of thy youth," Eccles. 12:4.

The opportunity is ours, Young Women and Juniors, to help build the missionary bridge. To keep our cycle of love going around the world we must join hands with all other societies and keep pushing on, with sincere hearts, so that we can take hold of tomorrow. The future is our responsibility.

INVITATION

Place a common pin in the corner of a card and print under it: "See a pin and pick it up."

Pick up some one on the way to our meeting.

(Time) (Place) (etc.)

PROGRAM

The Young Women and Juniors, along with the Women's societies have an inspiring purpose, "To be of service in sending out the Light of the World". What a wonderful challenge. "Pick it up and pin it to your heart."

Select two people to tell the work of the Young Women's and Junior Departments and what progress they have made through the years. Material can be found in back Missionary Magazines and other material may be had from our Literature Secretary.

Find pictures of bridges or draw them on cards or paste cut-outs on cards. Have each one write on a card below the picture, the purpose of your society, pin the card on the coat or dress for the rest of the meeting.

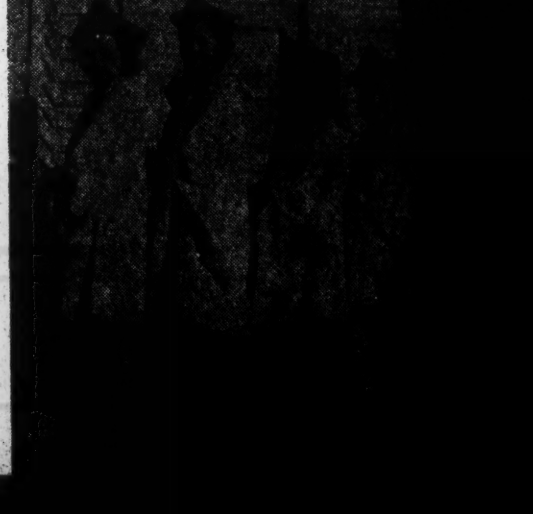
"YOUTH'S PRAYER"

"To build a life that's clean, upright, secure,
God's Temple that will through the years endure;
To walk courageous, steadfast and sure;
This is my prayer.

"To teach a war-torn world the fruits of peace;
To plead that cruelty and hate must cease,
That earth might see goodwill and love increase;
This is my prayer.

"To dedicate my life, my youth, my all
To Christ, and then in answer to His call,
Be faithful to each task—the large, the small;
This is my prayer."

Geo. W. Wiseman quoted in "Prayer Poems", edited by O. V. & Helen Armstrong.



Seven of the nineteen girls of the Junior Missionary Society, Tahoma Terrace, Tacoma, Wash.

Home Missions Department

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NEWS FROM THE WEST

Long Beach, California.

Miss Ruth Findley is happy in her work in the new field in the Long Beach area.

It has been impossible to secure a building for the Sabbath School and other meetings, hence meetings are held in the parsonage, homes or garages.

The Bible School attendance is increasing. On a recent Sabbath eighty-five were in attendance, and the living room was full for the church service.

The little cottage was packed for the Christmas program. The smaller children giving the program "Christmas Gifts for Jesus"; parents came for the Candle Light Service, when the older children dramatized "The Christmas Light".

Two clubs opened in Silver Park, meet in garages with gravel floors; but the hostesses, who are Mexicans, carry chairs from their homes to add to the comfort of those who attend.

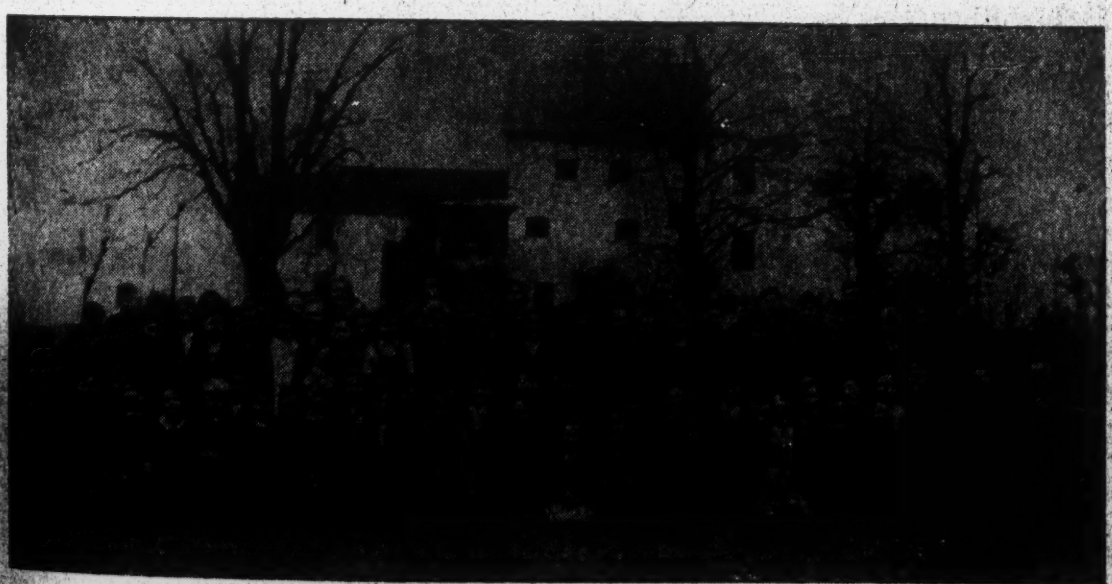
These meetings have increased in attendance from eighteen to twenty-seven in a few weeks.

A new club is to be opened in a Government project, Carmelita, which has eighteen hundred children.

The week day clubs reach the larger number of children, who choose to take an hour from their play to have a period of Gospel Songs, definite prayer for definite needs made known by them, and Bible stories in pictorial form, which are always aimed to instruct and to assist them to accept Christ as their Saviour.

An Easter program, to be given in the parsonage Easter morning is being prepared. In the evening the pageant, "The Uplifted Cross". will be given by the young people.

Miss Findley writes: "How very thankful I am that He counted me worthy to enter the greatest door of opportunity for service that I have ever been privileged to enter."



Junior Missionary Society, Ezel, Kentucky

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF CAMDEN ACADEMY, CAMDEN, ALABAMA

1895-1944

By MRS. W. G. WILSON

One of the four remaining United Presbyterian Mission Schools in the heart of the Black Belt in Alabama is Camden Academy—a school with an interesting history, a progressive program, and a wonderful opportunity. At the request of Mrs. Ray H. Shear, Secretary of Negro work of the Women's General Missionary Society, I, who am the widow of the principal who had the longest administration in the history of the institution, have been asked to write generally but briefly of its history.

Since my knowledge of Camden Academy dates back to about the year 1908, it was necessary for me to refer to some one who was there before my arrival for the historical facts leading up to 1908, and to some one there after my departure for the facts after 1939.

Mrs. Margaret Smith, the wife of the late Reverend E. K. Smith, first pastor and principal of Camden Academy, kindly consented to send me some of the needed information, and I quote:

"In 1895 the Freedmen's Board of the United Presbyterian Church opened the work at Camden. Rev. E. K. Smith was next in line to be appointed as pastor and principal of a Mission station, but he had another year in Theological school. It seemed important, however, that the school be opened without further delay. So Mr. Claytor, Dr. H. M. Green, and Mrs. Brewer were sent to Camden to teach during the school year 1895-1896. In early July, 1896, Rev. Smith, having completed his Theological training, began his work as pastor and principal.

"During the year 1896-1897 the school work as in the previous year, was conducted in the two Negro churches downtown—the Baptist and Methodist churches.

"In the meantime, forty acres of land for school and church property on the east side of town were purchased by the Women's G. M. S. The deed was drawn and the surveying done, but there was a delay of several months while all heirs to the property signed quit claim deeds. Finally, the deal was transacted, and two buildings—a school building and a teachers' home—were erected in time to be used for school in the fall of 1897.

"The church work then began; and church services, Sabbath School, Prayer Meetings, and Young People's Meetings were held regularly. From the earliest years the Camden work has been carried mainly by the W. G. M. S.

"A year or two later, a girls' dormitory was built, and the county was canvassed for girls. The building was filled the first year. Some years later a boys' dormitory was built, and it, too, was filled to capacity the first year. Many extra-curricular activities followed, such as music groups, athletics, and various literary exercises."

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Another contributor to the compilation of facts on the history of Camden Academy is Mr. James G. Beck, one of the first students of Camden Academy. Mr. Beck left Camden for Knoxville, Tennessee and later became the only Negro clerk in the Knoxville Post Office. Retired from service, Mr. Beck enthusiastically gave me the following facts

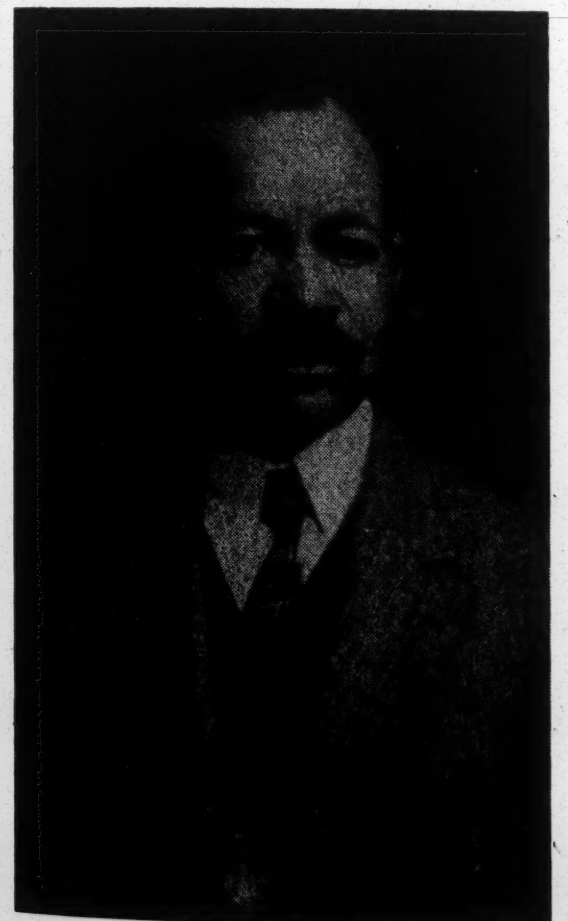
concerning the work at Camden Academy:

"When the United Presbyterian church established its work in Wilcox County, not only were the Negroes of that county benefitted, but all the schools of the county as well.

"Before the coming of the U. P. church into that county, the school terms were short. Often the length of a school term was only 60 days. The schools were ungraded, the teachers were not prepared to do creditable work, and were poorly paid. When the U. P. church founded Camden Academy the whole setup became changed. Decent buildings were erected, educated teachers were employed and better salaries were paid, the school term was lengthened to nine months, and religious services were held and the Bible taught daily.

"Before the coming of the U. P. church, the white schools were not much better than the Negro schools. Immediately after the U. P. church improved the conditions of the Negro schools, the white citizens, in order to keep abreast, went to work to improve their schools. Thus, indirectly, the U. P. church helped the whites of Wilcox County as well as the Negroes.

"The very first work for Negroes in Wilcox county was established at Miller's Ferry, Alabama, through the influence of Judge Henderson and Mr. J. R. Liddell, and a few years after this, the work at Camden Academy was established."



The Rev. W. C. Wilson—Our "Poet Laureate"

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Following the administration of Reverend E. K. Smith was that of the late Reverend W. G. Wilson. Rev. erend Wilson began his work at Camden in 1905. During the first years the work went on in much the same manner as it did during Rev. Smith's administration. Church services, Prayer Meetings, Young People's Christian Union, Women's Missionary Society, and Junior Meetings were conducted.

The school work began with the primary grade and ran through the tenth with an enrollment of 318 students and with a faculty of ten members. There was no running water, steam heat, or electric lights in any of the buildings when Rev. Wilson first came to Camden. During his administration he installed the school's own water supply system, and later its own electric power system. Also during his administration a $75,000 school building was erected, with modernly equipped school rooms, electric lights, steam heat, and a spacious auditorium.

A girls' dormitory was also built known as "Wilson Hall" in honor of Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson, then Secretary of Negro work. This dormitory contained dining room, kitchen, reception room, laundry, modernly-equipped bed rooms with all modern

conveniences. These conveniences, considered commonplace necessities now, were luxuries in a small, country town then.

The "Junior Special" work of the U. P. church for 1916 was to build a dormitory for boys at Camden. The dormitory was built and named in honor of Dr. Vincent, a member of the Board and first Secretary of Negro Work.

In 1934, at the request of Rev. Wilson, two more years were added to the school making it a high school. In addition, four more rooms were added to the school building, which, when completed, made it a huge and imposing structure. This fine, white building, situated on the very crest of "the hill" (as the grounds were called), could be seen for miles around, silent but concrete evidence of the light that the U. P. church and its workers had brought into an otherwise educationally dark community.

The students who were graduated from Camden Academy high school were admitted to Knoxville College, Tuskegee Institute, and Alabama State College on their diplomas, so thorough was the work done at Camden.

Rev. Wilson was known in the U. P. church as the "Poet-Preacher", as he found time in his busy schedule of work at Camden Academy to develop his literary talent. He often wrote poems for the church papers—his poems appearing in The United Presbyterian, the Christian Union Herald, the Women's Misisonary Magazine, and the Junior Magazine. He also wrote the words to the song, "A Little Bit O' Honey", which at one time was the second best seller in the nation. Music for the song was supplied by the famous Carrie Jacobs Bond. The words of the Knoxville College Hymn were also written by him with Professor N. C. Fitzpatrick, head of the K. C. Music School, adding the music.

The quality of work and leadership maintained by Rev. Wilson at Camden Academy won him the respect of both whites and Negroes both in Wilcox County and in neighboring counties. Rev. Wilson labored and sacrificed for more than thirty years as Pastor-principal at Camden, devoting some of the best years of his life to the work of the U. P. church. At the time of his passing he was working toward making Camden Academy high school a fully-accredited high school. The school, the church, and the community greatly missed him at his passing. It may be fittingly said of him:

"Green grows the turf above thee,
Friend of my better days;
None knew thee but to love thee,
None named thee but to praise."

The second part will follow in the next issue of the Magazine.—Sec'y.

A PRAYER

Give courage, Lord, when dark the night,
And tempests fierce arise;
When roads are rough, and foes assail,
And clouds obscure the skies.

Grant to me strength of brain and arm,
And courage for my task;
A will to labor humbly on,
Just this is all I ask.

And when the shades of evening fall
Across the darkening way,
Let me forget the night that's past
And hail the coming day.

Let me rejoice that I have lived,
Have hoped, and toiled, and prayed;
Have faced life's problems as they came,
In sunshine and in shade.

And that throughout the long hard years,
By grace vouchsafed to me,
I fought the fight, and kept the faith
With self, and friends and Thee.

—William Green Wilson in Rhymes and Sketches from the Cabin Fireside

Indian Missions

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MAY 1944 PLANTING OR FLOWER MOON 1944 GREAT SUNS

A TAMA WEDDING

We have had a lovely wedding at Tama. The Chapel was adorned for the occasion with palms, baskets of gay spring flowers and our two oriental rugs; the setting for a sacred and beautiful service in which Dorothy Waseskuk and Homer Bear were united in marriage. Dorothy's aunt and sister-in-law with her two children were present, also Homer's mother. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and Thelma Rae, the Edward Davenports, Mrs. Celestia Prugh and the Mission family.

Following the ceremony Mrs. Patterson served the wedding dinner at the parsonage. There was a wedding cake with thimble, coin and ring to cause merriment for the occasion. Dorothy received many pretty gifts among which was a beautiful rose quilt, log cabin pattern. Some one, some time, some where had lovingly stitched and stitched that we might have this very useful gift to present to an Indian bride married in our little chapel at Tama.

Dorothy said, "This is just the kind of a wedding I have dreamed of."

Ruth M. Williamson.

AN INDIAN SPEAKS HIS MIND

An article carrying this subject, written by Harvey H. Le Claire (Rapid City, S. Dakota) in "Indians At Work," has this fine paragraph:

"At present one of the chief topics under discussion is postwar problems and the future peace—the rebuilding of our country to a peacetime basis. This, indeed, is quite a problem. I want to say here, let us be aware of the fact that there are today over 18,000 Indian boys fighting side by side with their white brothers, fighting for the same thing they fought for through the ages—freedom. They are in every branch of the armed services. Our Indian Girls are in the W.A.C. and other branches. The number of Indian boys in the armed services is more per capita than any other racial group in the country. Everywhere the Indian is in special demand for his skill and patience as a craftsman in industry as well as combat service. Here, at home, the Indians are growing Victory gardens and buying War Bonds to the best of their ability. The Indian does not have to be sold on Democracy; he had it before the white man came. He has breathed the air of freedom for untold ages. We are all fighting for what he has fought for—"the land of the free and the home of the brave." All I ask is remember the Indian in your postwar plans and in the future peace. Give him an opportunity to become a self-supporting citizen of the great country he is fighting for."

INDIAN ARROWS

Friends of Colleen and Melba Whitebreast will be sorry to learn that the younger of the two sisters, Melba, is in a Sanatorium in Davenport, Iowa. Pray that her stay there may result in a full restoration to health. Her father is living in Davenport and works at the United States Arsenal in Rock Island.

Relatives have been notified of the wounding of two more Indian

soldiers in Italy, Dewey Roberts slightly wounded, and Melvin Twin seriously wounded. The Purple Heart Medal has been sent to Mrs. Tonoqua Morgan, whose son, Robert, died in Italy on December 2 from wounds received in action.

Louis J. Mitchell, one of the elders of the Mesquakie United Presbyterian Church, has been called into the Armed Forces. A weakness in his right eye kept him out of combat duty but he was accepted for limited service. He will be missed by his family, by the community as he is secretary of the Tribal Council, and by the church. We are comforted in the thought that our loss is some one's gain for his testimony as a Christian in the Armed Forces can be used as a blessing to some other soldier.

"We have been through the most tragic month of all our missionary work," writes Mrs. E. H. Carson of Simnasho, Oregon. "An epidemic of flu-pneumonia struck here about February 1, and since then eight of our good older folk have died. Another one is 'very low' as the Indians say. It all seems so unnecessary to us. If they would only go to the Hospital. We did have the doctor come and he helped those whom he saw."

Nettie B. Smith, daughter of our Oklahoma missionary, Rev. G. W. Smith, has joined the W.A.C. Her last address was Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia.

The Union Grade graduating class has requested Rev. Mr. Smith to bring the Commencement message this year; for five years he has been the Commencement speaker. This is an honor, but yet a great responsibility. Rev. Mr. Smith asks that we remember him in prayer.

THE BRIDGE-BUILDER

An old man going a lone highway
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm vast and wide and steep,
With waters rolling cold and deep.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
The sullen stream had no fears for him;
But he turned when safe on the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.
"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting your strength in building here.
Your journey ends with the ending day,
You never again will pass this way.
You've crossed the chasm, deep and wide,
Why build a bridge at eventide?
The builder lifted his old gray head;
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
The chasm that was as naught to me
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim—
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him!"

—*W. A. Dromgoole.*

Foreign Missions

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MISSIONARIES' BIRTHDAYS

June

Miss Lois M. Buchanan .....June 7
Miss Marion Paden .....June 10
Miss Louise Scott .....June 22

"COME, LABOR ON"

"Come, labor on!
The toil is pleasant and the harvest sure,
Blessed are those who to the end endure;
How full their joy, how deep their rest shall be!
Come, labor on!"

THE SUDAN

Consideration of the Minutes and Estimates from all our fields called for a full day special meeting of the Board besides taking some time at regular meetings.

The 39th General Meeting of the Sudan Missionary Association was held in Khartum February 14-19. The women missionaries were given special honor at this meeting: Miss Frances Turk was elected President, Miss Mary Ewing Vice-President and Mrs. Fleming Secretary. The days were evidently very full with reports of the past year's work and planning for the coming year and quite a little time was spent in the devotional services. The reports from all stations gave considerable detail. These were in the main encouraging but there were several discouraging features: the very small number of workers; the fact that the workers detained in America had not returned to assist in the work; and the difficulty of living in a normal way because of the high cost of food and commodities.

Some points of encouragement, however, were: the opportunities presented in the schools, which have a good enrollment, and the attitude of the Government which is stressing school work in a new and greater way. The fact that the work is backward all over the land and yet is such a vital thing if any people are to be lifted out of the old ways of sin and evil has brought a new wave of interest in work for both girls and boys. Another encouragement is the fact that the station at Akobo has been opened and has been so helpful to the people in that section, who were suffering much from famine conditions. The Bible Women's work has made good progress and more than a thousand girls are enrolled. The women in the Presbyterial have taken hold of the work with enthusiasm and vigor and are much interested in the furthering of the work. The Thank Offering, too, was most gratifying.

Attention is called to the report of the Committee on Resolutions and Appeals, which was adopted by the Association. A few of these items are: "We thank God for His continued blessing during the past year; that in general the health of all workers has been good, and that we have been permitted to carry on the work in spite of a greatly depleted staff. We are grateful for the safe return of Miss Ray Huffman and hope for the speedy return of all other workers now detained in America. We wish to express our appreciation to the Foreign Board and the Women's Board for the aid they have given us in the form of war bonuses in these years of greatly increased cost of living."

The attention of the Boards is drawn to the following appeals: "Never have the opportunities for work been more numerous and never have we felt less able to make use of these opportunities. Some

of these could be met by additional native workers but increased supervision is needed by foreign workers. Because of the foregoing lack of ability to meet the needs of the field in this type of work, we appeal to the Women's Board for three new workers in addition to those on furlough and under appointment. For a number of years the foreign staff in the Girls' Boarding School in Khartum North has been far too small. We believe that this School has a peculiar opportunity and can make a unique contribution to the spiritual and intellectual advancement of the girls of the North Sudan, but this can be done only with additional foreign staff. We therefore appeal to the Women's Board for a trained Economics teacher and a woman capable of training teachers. We would further urge that in case these specified workers are not available at present, three capable teachers be sent out as the need for increased workers in the School is great."

A plea is made for the opening up of a number of new stations where there are many opportunities and the people are eager for workers to come to them. "We cannot emphasize too urgently the need for return of missionaries now on furlough inasmuch as, with the exception of Miss Ray Huffman, the entire mission staff is due or overdue for furlough, some as much as three years."

We are happy to be able to say that the prospects are rather good that some of the detained missionaries can return to Egypt and The Sudan within a few weeks. We pray that the way may open up soon for all these appeals to be answered.

INDIA

The Annual Meeting of the Sialkot Mission was held late in October and we have told in an earlier article of the impressions of individual missionaries regarding that meeting and reported some actions taken, but the official Minutes were not received until March 6. These have since been studied carefully. The reports of what has been accomplished are very interesting. In spite of the fact that war has been very near to India and many of the missionaries returned to America in the past two years, no stations have been closed and the schools report larger enrollment than in any previous year.

The work in the hospitals has been equally encouraging. As previously noted, both Dr. Hunsberger and Dr. Bergsma are in America on furlough. This leaves but one American doctor on the field for our five hospitals but Dr. Vroon of Taxila is sharing his time with Sialkot Hospital temporarily. Dr. Hakim Din, a former employee of Sialkot Hospital, has been given charge of the White Memorial Hospital in Pasrur. Miss Elizabeth McConnell, R.N., continues in charge of the Good Samaritan Hospital in Jhelum and is the only American missionary in that station. Miss Betsy Fleming has charge of the Mary B. Reid Hospital in Sargodha in connection with her work in the Girls' School there. The Elliott Dispensary is continuing its service and is to receive the appropriation asked for its maintenance.

The Boarding Schools have had some difficulty in maintaining their work because of the high cost of food and other supplies and have been compelled to ask for an increase in their estimates. This increase was granted by the Board and also an additional allowance to missionaries who must live alone and therefore bear the full expense of a home.

Missionaries who are in good

health were asked to defer furloughs, if due, for another year and many have graciously consented to do so. However it was felt that several should come to America this spring. A most urgent appeal was made for the early return of missionaries who have been on furlough in America. We shall be glad to respond to this request and are still hoping that some of the workers may soon be on their way.

The mail from India by regular route is still long delayed. A letter from Miss Elizabeth McConnell with a Christmas card mailed in November was received on March 8. It contains an interesting account of her summer vacation and the annual meeting. She states that it was a bit difficult for her to return to the Hospital because her staff expected her to bring news of an increase in their salaries. She finds it utterly impossible to pay more as her appropriation has not been increased yet her expenses have increased 300 per cent. Her nurses are leaving the work because they receive more under government employ and need the money to help in the education of brothers and sisters.

Miss McConnell writes: "In spite of high prices, we have about ten more indoor patients than we had at this time last year, and about one hundred more out-door cases. If only we could give more free food, we could fill the hospital I know. However, we must be content to give medicines and care!

"My orphans are all back in school once again, fully clothed, and tuitions paid to date. I marvel when I think how wonderfully God has provided for these little ones during the past five years."

Orphans, who have a home, a school and the care of Miss McConnell in Jhelum Hospital

EGYPT

The Minutes of Egypt's Winter Meeting of Association were largely reported in the March Magazine but a few additional items may be of interest on estimates presented with the minutes.

The Mission asked that a number of the missionaries be allowed to come home on furlough. Those designated to come as soon as transportation can be secured are: the Misses Nellie Smith, Evelyn McFarland, Helen Martin and Mrs. Mabel McMichael Fennell. A rather long list of others will come as soon as they are assured that missionaries detained in America can take up the work in Egypt.

Increased appropriations were granted for several schools which had found it impossible to carry on the Boarding Department on the former grants. The same bonus given to missionaries last year is continued and a bonus of $2,500 (an increase of $500.00) was granted for the Egyptian employees.

Assignments to the work were made for all the missionaries in America and each one was notified of her place of work for the coming year—this in the hope that all, or at least many, of those detained may be on the field. We continue to be hopeful that these desires may be fulfilled.

ETHIOPIA

The last direct word we had from Isabel Blair and Ruth Beatty left them in The Sudan trying to find a way to go to Sayo and Gore in Western Ethiopia. We have faith to believe that they have reached their objective by this time even if the going was as difficult as it was for Mrs. Pollock and Mr. Fred Russell, who met and overcame almost insuperable difficulties. Miss Blair's account of their journey to Egypt and The Sudan, published in a recent issue of "The Christian Union Herald," was most interesting and her plea for more workers for the Missions in both fields was very touching. We pray that it meets with hearty response by the young people.

Reverend Bruce Buchanan is at work in Sayo and feels that while there is much that is discouraging in material things there is much encouragement in spiritual matters. He finds twelve churches functioning and hopes to visit them all very soon. They were starting a small school on the Mission compound for children nearby. Another project is a Bible Study Class for church leaders, elders and Sabbath School teachers.

Mr. Russell and Mrs. Pollock reached Sayo safe and well on December 20 after a long and tedious trip from Addis Ababa. Milkie Gobarna, the delegate from the Addis Ababa group to the churches in the West, has been a marvel of Christian fortitude and helpfulness, never tiring of doing what had to be done. Five government soldiers who traveled with them were also extremely cooperative and worked untiringly.

They found Dr. Dougherty in good health and Mrs. Dougherty in high spirits and they were pleased with the healthful atmosphere of the mission station.

They and we pray for God's guidance as they proceed with plans for this work.

FAITH

So long as there are homes to which men turn
At close of day;
So long as there are homes where children are
And women stay;
If love and loyalty and faith be found
Across these sills,
A stricken nation can recover from
Its gravest ills.

So long as there are homes where lamps are lit,
And prayers are said;
Although a people falter through the dark,
And nations grope
With God Himself back of these homes
We have sure hope.

—Author Unknown

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF BOOKS ON THE READING LIST

The Indian In American Life by G. E. E. Lindquist and collaborators. Dr. Lindquist is one of the few Christian workers among the Indians whose service has touched tribes throughout the United States and parts of Canada. His book offers a discerning interpretation of the Indian peoples of this continent in their changing relationships and attitudes of today, with special emphasis upon religious life and leadership and the outlook for the future in mission and church.

—Quoted from M. E. M. Flyer.

Speaking Of Indians by Ella C. Deloria.

A delightful and informing book for general reading. The author comes from a distinguished family among the Yankton Sioux. Teacher, anthropologist, and Christian worker of long experience, she gives a popular, richly concrete description of the everyday life and tribal ideals of her people in the past and shows what is happening now as they make adjustment to new conditions in church and community.

—Quoted from M. E. M. Flyer.

Along Indian Trails compiled by Elizabeth Nelson McBride.

A book on the work of the United Presbyterian Church among the Indians of Oregon, Washington and Iowa. The more recent work in Oklahoma is not included.

West of the Date Line: Christian Pioneering in Southeast Asia by Constance M. Hallock.

Names of places in current headlines appear frequently in this story of Christian progress in Southeast Asia and the islands of the Southwest Pacific. Strikingly illustrated with photographs and maps.

—Quoted from M. E. M. Flyer.

Unfolding Drama in Southeast Asia by Basil Mathews.

This book will be of interest "because of its rich background on the missions and churches of Southeast Asia and the western Pacific as they face the vast changes brought by war". The book is not promised before July.

Burma Surgeon by Gordon S. Seagrave, Lieutenant Colonel, Medical Corps.

Doctor Seagrave, the author, is himself the "Burma Surgeon", the fourth generation of American medical missionaries to Burma, the land of his birth. At the age of twenty-five Dr. Seagrave arrived in Burma with his wife Tiny and a "wastebasketful of surgical instruments" which he had salvaged as they were being thrown out as beyond repair by the superintendent of the operating room of Johns Hopkins, his alma mater. With his own hands he built his hospital and did menial labor without regard to "face," and trained simple native girls to become skillful nurses who called him "Daddy".

All manner of disease and surgical cases came to him for help. When war came to Burma he was commissioned a major in the medical corps to care for the wounded and he and his unit were with General Stillwell in the retreat through the jungle to India. The story of these experiences appears in the book. We suggest its reading because of our particular interest in Burma these days. *The Christian Herald* says of it: "More fascinating than any fiction . . . glorious . . . don't you dare miss it!"

Tales From Southeast Asia by Alice Hudson Lewis.

Teen-Age readers should enjoy these "six interesting stories of Christians in Southeast Asia."

The Unconquerable by Charles Tudor Leber.

Phillips Elliott of Brooklyn and Dr. Leber were sent out by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., with credentials from The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and the Foreign Missions Conference; sent out to travel by train, boat and plane "across the world in a time of war and tension", commisisoned primarily to visit Christian missionaries and their national colleagues in the Philippines, Thailand, India and Africa" to emphasize in every possible way the persistent truth of world Christian fellowship". Dr. Leber says, "In a world shattered by conquerors, I have seen the unconquerable . . . war and fear have made a wilderness. But the Voice is still heard. His Truth is marching on. . . . There is the Kingdom which cannot be taken".

Great Nights of the Bible by Clarence E. McCartney.

The author has chosen what he calls outstanding nights of the Bible, "full of instruction and inspiration and hope for our souls". Titles of a few chapters will suggest what may be found in the reading: The Night of Doom; The Night of Dissipation; The Night With Wild Beasts; The Night of Repentance; The Night that Knew No Morning; The Night With the Medium; The Night of Nights; Night No More. Those who have enjoyed other books by Dr. McCartney will welcome this one.

Betty by Julia Lake Kellersberger.

This is a story of unusual interest. It is a biography of a young college girl whose life was cut short but who lived gloriously and triumphantly. During the few years in college by her example and personal charm and by her positive Christian witness she led many girls into a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. She was a normal happy girl, gifted in music and writing with a deep spiritual tone that drew others to her Master. —Dr. Anna P. White.

Quit You Like Men by John Mcnaugher.

The chapters of this book are selections from addresses to theological students at the time of graduation by Dr. John McNaugher during the years of his presidency in Pittsburgh-Xenia Theological Seminary. The book is intended for ministers primarily; but many of us not ministers have had the privilege of listening to these addresses in person and through the Reading List we extend the pleasure to those for whom distance makes hearing impossible.

George Washington Carver by Rackham Holt.

At the beginning of life a slave, at the end, Doctor of Science, Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts of Great Britain, Collaborator in the Division of Mycology and Disease Survey to the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The man of whom it was said he had "the worst start and the best finish". The man who produced three hundred products from the peanut and one hundred eighteen from the sweet potato, but who said of his own accomplishments, "Without God to draw aside the curtain I would be helpless". A good book to read in this present time. When you read, you will know why.

The Chiangs of China by Elmer T. Clark.

The Foreword says, "This little book is a human interest story." *The Chicago Sun* calls it "An international Cinderella story". For us the heroine of the story is Mayling Soong Chiang. Born into a Christian Chinese home in which there was Bible-reading, prayer and hymn singing, educated in America, graduated with distinction at Wellesley, wife of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, the hero of the story; brilliant, beautiful, wise, gracious, dignified, woman of faith, Madame Chiang is the recent visitor to the United States who captivated us all—an ideal First Lady of any land.

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Tributes

Mrs. Robert Latimer

Again the Missionary Guild of the Carnegie United Presbyterian Church bows in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father for another lifelong member has entered her eternal home.

We wish now to pay tribute and express our appreciation of her loving and patient service. She gave unsparingly of her time and talents through the years. For twenty-five years she taught little children in the Sabbath School, served on the board of Deacons and held many offices in our Church and society.

Her quiet and unassuming manner, loyalty and willingness endeared her to us all.

"The beauty of her quiet life,
Was like a rose in blowing
So fair and sweet, so all complete
And all unconscious, as a flower
That light and fragrance were her dower."

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her husband and dear ones and commend to them God's great comfort.

"One by one the ties are broken
One by one they are linked above,
Some day there will be a sweet reunion
Once again, with those we love."

Mrs. Achsah A. Wooster
Mrs. Joseph C. Moore
Mrs. Nesbit Ross

Mrs. Adah May McKenry
Mrs. Stella Williams Bailey
Mrs. James Latimore

The Women's Missionary Society of the First United Presbyterian Church of West Newton, Pennsylvania, wishes to pay tribute to the memory of three of its faithful members who have been called home during the last few months.

Mrs. Stella Williams Bailey who died August 2, 1943, was a devoted mother and regular attendant in God's House.

Mrs. Adah May McKenery was called home January 4, 1944. She was a faithful member of the Missionary Society and participated in the various activities of the Church until the end of her long life.

Mrs. James Latimore passed to her reward February 17, 1944, one month before her ninety-second birthday. She served faithfully and well for many, many years as Secretary of the Missionary Society. She was found in God's House as long as her health permitted, and served Him diligently until she entered into her rest.

We shall miss these faithful members of our Society, but rejoice that they are at home with their Lord.

"Where there is no pain nor sorrow,
No anxious thought for the morrow,
But constant praise before the throne
Of Him Who careth for His own."

Committee

Mrs. Anna Watson

The Women's Misisonary Society of the Brookdale United Presbyterian Church of St. Joseph, Missouri, wishes to pay tribute to the memory of Mrs. Anna Watson who pased away November 30, 1943.

It would be hard to find a more true Christian than Mrs. Watson. Her earnest prayers brought God nearer to all of us. She was a most cheerful person and possesesd a radiant personality which made the Christian way attractive to others. She was an inspiring Bible teacher and her place has been greatly missed in the Sabbath School.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to all her children.

Committee

Mrs. W. W. Sloan

The Women's Missionary Society of the First United Presbyterian Church of East Liverpool, Ohio, offers this appreciation in memory of Mrs. Mae Anderson Sloan whose death occurred on February 4th, following a long illness.

Mrs. Sloan was active in all branches of the church work, especially missionary activities. For twenty-seven years she served as treasurer of Steubenville Presbyterial and her records were models of efficiency. She gave generously of her time and talents in loving service.

We extend our deepest sympathy to her family and commend them to the Saviour whom she loved and served.

Mrs. J. T. Carey
Nancy A. Kerr

Mrs. Alice Grace McGough

The members of the Women's Missionary Society of the Bethel (Allegheny) United Presbyterian Church wish to pay tribute to the memory of Mrs. Alice Grace McGough, who passed away January 27, 1944.

A career of great usefulness seems to have ended too soon but we know Grace did not live in vain, for no one is ever quite the same after coming intimately in contact with a sincere Christian. She left a touch of beauty that will never wear out. We cannot look back upon her life without feeling that it was God-filled.

The home, the church, the community all lose heavily when such a Christian dies.

To her husband, her family and her friends we extend our deepest sympathy.

Committee

Mrs. J. D. Jones

The Women's Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of Albia, Iowa, wishes to pay loving tribute to the memory of Mrs. J. D. Jones, who was called home December 23, 1943.

Mrs. Jones' faithfulness to her church and all its interests, and her true Christian character will be remembered and cherished by those who knew her. To her loved ones we extend our love and sympathy.

Mary Kissick
Mrs. A. A. Klyn
Mrs. Matthew Forsythe

Mrs. John McCleery

After a useful life, most of which was spent in Somonauk Illinois Community, Mrs. John McCleery passed away on February 16, 1944.

Among the workers of our church her life stood out as one of the most useful members, identified with every good work. She made a place for herself that adorned her profession of her love for, and her faith in her Lord.

As a member of the Missionary Society she was most faithful in her devotion to its progress at home and abroad.

The sympathy of the members of the society is extended to Mr. McCleery and her children and other members of the family in their bereavement.

Nellie G. Acheson
Ruth Greenwood
Eva Hutter

THANK OFFERING DEPARTMENT

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SUGGESTED LEAFLETS FOR MAY

First: The Thank Offering—What It Is—What *IT DOES.*

Second: Why I Give a Thank Offering.

Third: Praise and Thanksgiving —(Poem).

Fourth: Where Do You Live—(Poem).

Fifth: Thank Offering Question for Monthly Program (10 in set).

To thee, Thank Offering I will give
And on God's name will call.
I'll pay my vows now to the Lord
Before his people all.—*Psalm* 116.

SENIOR LIFE MEMBERSHIPS
1944 *Thank Offering*

4. Mrs. Breaden Young, West Sunbury, Pa. By her husband.
5. Mrs. Elizabeth MacMullen, Lyndhurst, N. J. By Mrs. J. J. Hagerty.
6. Mrs. Mabel R. McClellan, Kansas City, Mo. By her daughters, Elizabeth and Dorothy McClellan.

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1. Mrs. S. A. Fulton, West Allis, Wis. By her husband.
2. Mrs. Thomas A. Miller, Bellevue, Pa. By her husband, Dr. Thomas A. Miller.

LITERATURE DEPARTMENT

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tory of China is recorded in the book. The Pulpit Book Club Bulletin says of it, "Packed with facts . . . More than mere biography, it is also a testament of the Christian Life, adding a new chapter to the modern Book of Acts."

A CORRECTION—We regret that two names have been omitted from the Prayer Cycle. For this we sincerely apologize. Please write in your copy: Miss Grace Huntley, Frenchburg (Fourteenth Day), and under *Presbyterial Missionaries* (Thirteenth Day) Miss Ruth Etta Findley. Under *Widows of Missionaries* (Twenty-Second Day), delete the name of Mrs. J. H. Martin. Mrs. Martin died last year and the name should not have been included. Under this same head, add the name, Mrs. W. E. Nicoll. This name was omitted by mistake.

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Junior Manual, 20c.
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The Junior Program, free.
"Lighting the Tapers". An article on beginning and growth of the Junior Society. 5c.

PRESENT ADDRESS OF MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY THE WOMEN'S GENERAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY AND DATE OF APPOINTMENT

(c-o American Mission should be added to each foreign address)

INDIA

Miss Ruth I. Ardrey, 1921 — Sialkot City
Miss Helen Artman, 1920 — Sheikhupura
Miss Margaret Ballantyne, 1941 — Gujranwala
Miss Minnie E. Beatty, 1912 — Abbottabad
Miss Lois Boyd, 1918 — Sangla Hill
Miss N. Addaline Brandon, 1931 — Sargodha
Miss Frances E. Brown, 1927, 1937 — Lyallpur
Miss Theresa I. Brownlee, 1922 — Sialkot City
Miss Evelyn Cathcart, 1925 — Rawalpindi
Miss Marjorie Faught, R.N., 1933 — Taxila
Miss Betsy Fleming, 1918 — Sargodha
Miss Vida J. Graham, 1922 — Pathankot
Miss Eva M. Hewitt, 1930 — Campbellpur
Miss Alice G. Hill, 1938 — Sheikhupura
Miss Janette Howland, 1921 — Campbellpur
Miss Mary Kyle, 1904 — Pasrur
Miss Glendine Lundquist, R.N., 1932 — Sialkot City
Miss Laura R. MacLachlan, 1938 — Pasrur
Miss Elizabeth F. McConnell, R.N., 1931 — Jhelum
Miss Evelyn M. McKelvey, R.N., 1938 — Sialkot City
Miss Margaret L. Murdoch, 1924 — Sargodha
Miss Ruth M. Nichol, 1938 — Pasrur
Miss Marian T. Peterson, 1930 — Rawalpindi
Miss Willa M. Ramsey, 1921 — Pathankot
Miss Laura Reynolds, 1924 — Sangla Hill
Miss Helen V. Weede, 1928 — Zarfarwal

NOW IN THIS COUNTRY (from INDIA)

Miss Hazel Bennett, 1908 — 261 Park St., Socorro, N. Mexico
Miss R. Jean Black, 1921 — Petrolia, Pa.
Miss Lois M. Buchanan, 1910 — 334 N. Rutan St., Wichita, Kan.
Miss Marie E. Cash, 1926 — 322 E. North St., Lebanon, Indiana
Miss Margaret Fehlman, 1913 — 616 Arlington Place, Chicago, Ill.
Miss Evva P. Hartig, R.N., 1924 — 57 Broadway, Frostburg, Md.
Miss Reba C. Hunsberger, M.D., 1921 — 5914 N. Pulaski, Philadelphia, Pa.
Miss Olive Laing, 1912 — 46 N. Duane Ave., Pittsburgh (5), Pa.
Miss Sarah Jane Lamont, 1928 — 440 W. Cayuga St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Miss Mary Frances Lincoln, R.N., 1920 — 1502 Penn Ave., Wichita, Kans.
Miss Louise Scott, 1916 — 102 New Castle St., New Wilmington, Pa.
Miss E. Marjorie McCrory, 1936 — McCrory Farms, R.D. 1, Homer City, Pa.
Miss Vivian L. Trimble, 1921 — Blanchard, Iowa
Miss Ruth A. Warnock, 1913, 1936 — Ezel, Ky.
Miss Georga Wengert, 1920 — Lebo, Kans.

RETIRED (from India)

Miss Emma Dean Anderson, 1881 — 231 Franklin St., Slippery Rock, Pa.
Miss Laurella G. Dickson, 1897 — Tarkio, Mo.
Miss Ella M. Gordon, 1893 — Pattersonville, N. Y.
Miss Kate A. Hill, 1896 — Eldora, Iowa
Miss Flora Jameson, 1903 — 312 Cleveland Ave., Avalon, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Miss Mary E. Logan, 1891 — 325 W. 7th St., Rushville, Indiana
Miss Lillian A. McConnell, 1902 — 17 S. Federal Highway, Lake Worth, Florida
Miss Rosa McCullough, 1879 — Home for the Aged, Penn and Trenton Aves., Pittsburgh 21, Pa.

RETIRED HONORARY MISSIONARY

Miss Mary J. Campbell, 1884 — 612 Bruce St., Santa Ana, Calif.

RETIRED (from Egypt)

Miss Rena L. Hogg, 1899 — c/o American Mission, Assiut, Egypt
Miss Ella M. Barnes, 1911 — 926 East 1st St., Monmouth, Ill.
Miss Minnehaha Finney, 1894 — 121 North 7th St., Sterling, Kans.
Miss E. Roxy Martin, 1901 — Fair Meadows, Limekiln Park, R.D., Chalfant, Pa.
Miss Laura B. Walker, 1904 — 1109 McClure Ave., Munhall, Pa.

EGYPT—c/o American Missions

Miss Margaret A. Bell, 1901 — Fayoum
Miss Helen R. Brownlee, R.N., 1934 — Assiut
Miss Anna B. Criswell, 1905 — Assiut
Mrs. Ada A. Dunlap, 1926 — Fayoum
Miss Lucia Dwight, 1919 — Beni Suef
Miss Davida Finney, Litt.D., 1915 — Cairo
Miss Eulalia D. Grether, 1929 — Tanta
Miss Alice Grimes, 1924 — Cairo
Miss Lois D. Kingan, 1926 — Cairo
Mrs. Jack McMillan, 1937 — Benha
Miss Lucy Lightowler, 1921 — Cairo
Miss Helen J. Martin, Pd. D., 1915 — Cairo
Miss Evelyn McFarland, 1919 — Cairo
Miss Elizabeth McKibben, R.N., 1924 — Tanta
Mrs. William Fennell, 1937 — Cairo
Miss Carol E. McMillan, 1906 — Beni Suef
Miss Sarah B. Meloy, 1923 — Cairo
Miss Marion A. Paden, 1902 — Tanta
Miss Venna R. Patterson, 1924 — Cairo
Miss Frances Patton, 1922 — Mansura
Miss Stella Robertson, 1922 — Cairo
Miss Martha A. Roy, 1938 — Luxor
Miss Edna B. Sherriff, 1920 — Assiut
Miss Nellie C. Smith, 1911 — Cairo
Mrs. G. G. Gutteridge, 1939 — Cairo
Miss Mary C. Thompson, 1939 — Tanta
Miss Helen M. Walker, 1930 — Assiut
Miss Ethel L. Weed, 1919 — Alexandria
Miss Ida B. Whiteside, 1913 — Luxor
Miss Ruth A. Work, 1904 — Assiut
Mrs. A. F. Huish, 1939 — Cairo
Miss Laura Wright, 1921 — Tanta

NOW IN THIS COUNTRY (from Egypt)

Miss Leota Cabeen, 1909 — 1214 Fifth Ave., St. Joseph, Mo.
Mrs. Mary K. Coventry, 1918 — Americus, Kansas
Miss Mary Frances Dawson, 1922 — 808 E. Third St., Ellensburg, Wash.
Miss Alta G. French, 1925 — Goldfield, Iowa
Miss Elsie French, 1909 — 606 Ogden Ave., S., Escanaba, Mich.
Miss Martha C. Glass, 1921 — 800 E. Second Ave., Monmouth, Ill.
Miss Alfaretta M. Hammond, 1904 — State Hospital, Warren, Pa.
Miss Dora B. Mason — 2515 Orlando Drive, 21, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Miss Jeannette McCrory, 1916 — Sterling, Kans.
Miss Helen J. Noordewier, 1921 — Warm Springs, Oregon
Mrs. Rachel T. Seiver, 1925 — 1057 S. Genessee St., Los Angeles, Calif.
Miss Jane C. Smith, R.N., 1922 — 235 East 49th St., New York, N. Y.
Miss Marie F. Tait, 1925 — R. D. 5, Mercer, Pa.
Miss Mary L. Thompson, LL.D., 1917 — Tarkio, Mo.
Miss Elizabeth M. Wilson, 1932 — Lewis, Iowa
Miss Esther W. Wilson, 1919 — 332 Waugh Ave., New Wilmington, Pa.
Miss Margaret A. Work, 1924 — E. Platte Ave., Fort Morgan, Colo.

THE SUDAN—c/o American Mission

Miss Mary E. Coie, 1919 — Omdurman
Miss Una Coie, 1918 — Khartum North
Miss Mary V. Ewing, R.N., 1939 — Doleib Hill
Miss Ray Huffman, R.N., 1924 — Nasir
Miss Marguerite McClellan, 1926 — Khartum North
Miss Aulora R. McIntyre, 1911 — Wad Medani
Mrs. Alan Theobald (nee Ellen P. Smith, 1938) — Khartum North
Miss C. Blanche Soule, R.N., 1921 — Nasir
Miss Frances Turk, R.N., 1921 — Khartum North

NOW IN THIS COUNTRY (from The Sudan)

Miss Elsie E. Grove, 1912, — R. D. 3, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Miss Mary Jane McKnight, 1922 — 429 Fourth St., Ellwood City, Pa.
Miss E. Verna Pillow, 1930 — Morgan Hill, Cal.

ETHIOPIA—c/o American Mission)

Miss Ruth C. Beatty, R.N., 1921 — Addis Ababa
Miss Isabel Blair, 1922 — Addis Ababa
Mrs. A. W. Pollock, R.N., 1942 — Gore
Mrs. Ruth Lobaugh Walker, 1923 — Addis Ababa

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MISSIONARIES UNDER THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

(c-o American Mission should be added to each foreign address)

EGYPT

Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Elder ..... Cairo
Rev. and Mrs. Dalton Galloway ..... Alexandria
Rev. E. E. Grice ..... Cairo
Rev. F. D. Henderson ..... Tanta
Rev. and Mrs. James E. Kinnear ..... Cairo
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Rev. and Mrs. Paul A. Miller ..... Sialkot
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Dr. and Mrs. Hugh M. Milne ..... Gujranwala
Rev. S. C. Picken, D.D. ..... Sangla Hill
Miss Gwynaeth R. Porter, R.N. ..... Sialkot
Rev. and Mrs. Jay W. Ranson ..... Sangla Hill
Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Ross ..... Lyallpur
Mr. C. A. Stewart ..... Rawalpindi
Dr. and Mrs. Harris J. Stewart ..... Gujranwala
Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Stewart ..... Pathankot
Dr. R. R. Stewart ..... Rawalpindi
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Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McKnight ..... 2010 Green St., Allentown, Pa.

ETHIOPIA

Rev. Bruce B. Buchanan ..... Sayo, Ethiopia, via Gambela, Sudan
Dr. and Mrs. V. F. Dougherty ..... Sayo, Ethiopia, via Gambela, Sudan
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Prayer At A Radio

Out of the air come sounds,
Clear, melodious and sweet.
I sit entranced, dreaming of fair and peaceful lands
Where cool streams flow
And mountains tower against sunlight,
Where little children play
And happy people ply their trades.

Suddenly an avalanche of words
Crashes about me.
Crushing my every thought.
My dream of peaceful lands is gone:
I am sickened at the sounds . . .
"Fourteen bombers did not return" . . .
Dear God! the mothers, the fathers of the crews,
How can they bear this terrible thing?
O give them of Thy strength . . .
"A new assault—casualties light—
Only one pilot killed" . . .
O God, to her who nevermore will see the smile
Nor hear the voice she loves so much,
To her give comfort in her desolation . . .
"A transport lost" . . .
God of Nations, must this horror last?
Must nations that have named Thee King
Traverse these hateful paths?
Is this shuddering earth the one Thou didst create?
Are these bloodstained fields the ones Thou didst call good? . . .
"Bombs dropped on enemy communications" . . .
God, make us grateful to the boys
Who must do all this for us;
But how long, O Lord,
How long until the day of peace?
How long till men shall turn unto Thee
And the peace of Christ reign in their hearts?

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